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"We faithfully promise to obey the regular original laws, Charges and Regulations of this Ancient and Honorable Institution, and to preserve the ANCIENT LAND MARKS of the Order, to the utmost of our power."

"WATCH AND ABSTAIN FROM EVIL."

The following is an *exact copy* of the ORIGINAL CHARTER of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

No. 219.

(SEAL.)

ATHOLL, Grand Master.
WM. DICKEY, D. G. M.
JAMES JONES, S. G. W.
JAS. READ, J. G. W.

To all whom it may Concern.

We the Grand Lodge, of the Most Ancient and Honorable FRATERNITY of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, (*according to the old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness Prince* EDWIN, *at York*, Anno Domini, *Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry, Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six*,) in ample Form assembled, viz: The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince JOHN the Third, Duke, Marquis and Earl of ATHOLL, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Heretable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kincleaven, Hereditary

Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS; the Right Worshipful WILLIAM DICKEY, Esquire, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER; the Right Worshipful JAMES JONES, Esquire, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN; the Right Worshipful JAMES READ, Esquire, JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN; with the approbation and Consent of the WARRENTED LODGES held within the Cities and Suburbs of LONDON and WESTMINSTER, do, by these Presents, authorize and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, who at the Time of this present Writing, are or hereafter shall become Inhabitants of the Province of New-York, in North America, to congregate, form and hold a Provincial Grand Lodge in the City of New York and Province of New-York, aforesaid, independent of any former Dispensation, Warrant or Constitution, ordered, given or granted by Us, or any of our Predecessors, Grand Masters of England, to any Mason or Masons residing within the Masonical Jurisdiction, aforesaid; such Provincial Grand Lodge, when duly constituted, to be held Annually, Half-yearly, Quarterly, Monthly, or at any seasonable Time or Times as occasion shall require. And We do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother the Reverend WILLIAM WALTER, Master of Arts, to be our Provincial GRAND

MASTER; our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother JOHN STEDHOLME BROWNING, Esquire, to be our Provincial SENIOR GRAND WARDEN; and our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother the Reverend JOHN BEARDSLEY, Master of Arts, to be our Provincial JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, with the Masonical Jurisdiction aforesaid; who together with the aforesaid Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, when appointed and installed, and Provincial Grand Wardens, shall be addressed by the Stile and Title of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Grand Wardens, &c. And We do hereby further authorise and impower our said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, William Walter, his Deputy, and Grand Wardens, John Stedholme Browning, Esq., and John Beardsley, with the Approbation and Advice of their GRAND LODGE, to grant Dispensations, Warrants and Constitutions, for the congregating and making FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, forming and holding of Lodges within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, according to the most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do, by these Presents, further authorize and impower our said Trusty and Right Worshipful Brethren, the Provincial Grand Master, Grand Wardens and their legal Successors, when in regular Grand Lodge formed, to hear, adjust, and impartially determine all and singular Matters of Complaint, Dispute, Debate or Controversy, relative to the CRAFT within the Jurisdiction

aforesaid; strictly requiring all and every of our Worthy and Loving Brethren within the Jurisdiction aforesaid to be conformable to all and every of the Good Rules, Orders, Issues and Decrees, which shall from Time to Time be ordered, issued or decreed by the said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge; — herein reserving to ourselves our antient Prerogative of Hearing Appeals, and Administration of such Things as shall (*bona fide*) appear absolutely necessary for the Honor and Benefit of the CRAFT in General. And lastly, We do hereby authorize and impower our said Trusty and Right Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Wardens, together with their lawful Associates, being the installed Masters, Wardens, and ☞ PAST MASTERS of the Regular Lodges within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, in GRAND LODGE assembled, to nominate, chuse and install, their Successors to whom they shall deliver this WARRANT, and invest them with their particular Jewels and Masonical Powers and Dignities as Provincial GRAND OFFICERS, &c., &c., &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse and install, &c., their Successors, &c., &c., such Installation to be upon or near every SAINT JOHN'S DAY the Twenty-fourth of June, during the Continuance of the said Provincial Grand Lodge for ever. Providing the said Right Worshipful William Walter, John Stedholme Browning, Esqr., John Beardsley, and all the Successors, Grand Officers of the said Provincial Grand Lodge, do continually pay due Respect to the

Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, by whom this Warrant is granted, otherwise this Warrant and Constitution to be of no Force nor Virtue. Given under our Hands and Seal of the GRAND LODGE in LONDON, the Fifth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and One, in the Year of Masonry, Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and One, and in the Seventh Year of the Grand Mastership of His Grace the Duke ATHOLL, &c., &c., &c.

CHAR'S BEARBLOCK,
Grand Secretary.

(SEAL.)

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

"*My Son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments, and remove not the ANCIENT LAND MARKS which thy fathers have set.*"—SOLOMON.

BY-LAWS

OF

Mount Vernon Lodge,

No. 3.

OF

ANCIENT YORK MASONS.

ALBANY, N. Y., A. L., 5874.

Instituted February 21st, A. L. 5765.

Incorporated March 17th, A. L. 5874.

Ancient Landmarks.

The following are enumerated as Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity; having, as such, been universally received and acknowledged by Masons:

1. That belief in the Supreme Being, "The Great Architect of the Universe," who will punish vice and reward virtue, is an indispensable pre-requisite to admission to Masonry;

2. That the moral law which inculcates charity and probity, industry and sobriety, and obedience to law and civil government, is the rule and guide of every Mason, and to which strict conformity is required;

3. That obedience to Masonic law and authority being voluntarily assumed, is of perpetual obligation, and can only be divested by the sanction of the supreme government in Masonry;

4. That the rites and ceremonies (which include the *unwritten language*) of the true system of the Ancient York Rite, and which constitute a part of the body of Masonry, are immutable, and that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations therein;

5. That contention and lawsuits between Brethren are contrary to the laws and regulations of Masonry:

6. That charity is the right of a Mason, his widow and orphans, when poor and destitute, to demand, and the duty of his prosperous Brother to bestow.

7. That Masonic instruction is, like charity, a reciprocal right and duty of Masons;

8. That the right to visit, Masonically, is an absolute right, but may be forfeited or limited by particular regulations;

9. That men made Masons must be at least twenty-one years of age, free born, of good report, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered, and no woman, no eunuch;

10. That no one can be made a Mason except in a lawful Lodge, duly convened, acting (except when made by the Grand Master at sight) under an unreclaimed Warrant or Dispensation, and at the place therein named;

11. That the Grand Master may make Masons at sight, in person, and in a lawful Lodge, and may grant a dispensation to a Lodge for the same pupose; but in all other cases, a candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a stated meeting, and can only be accepted at a stated meeting following, by the scrutiny of a secret ballot, and an unanimous vote, and must pay a fixed price before admission;

12. That the ballot for candidates or for membership is strictly and inviolably secret;

13. That a petition to be made a Mason, after being presented and referred, cannot be withdrawn, but must be acted upon by report of committee and ballot;

14. That a ballot for each degree separately is an undeniable right, when demanded;

15. That initiation makes a man a Mason; but he must receive the Master Mason's degree, and sign the By-Laws, before he becomes a member of the Lodge;

16. That it is the duty of every Master Mason to be a contributing member of a Lodge;

17. That a Lodge under dispensation is a temporary and inchoate body, and is not entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge, and those who work it do not forfeit their membership thereby in any other Lodge, while it so continues, but such membership is thereby suspended;

18. That the Master and Wardens of every warranted Lodge must be chosen annually by its members, and if installed, cannot resign their offices during the term for which they were elected: and are, of right and inalienably, representatives in and members of the Grand Lodge; and in case they do not attend the Grand Lodge, a proxy may be appointed by the Lodge to represent it in the Grand Lodge, who in such case shall have three votes;

19. That no one can be elected Master of a warranted Lodge (except at its first election) but a Master Mason who shall have served as Warden.

20. That no appeal to the Lodge can be taken from the decision of the Master, or the Warden occupying the chair in his absence ;

21. That every Mason must be tried by his peers ; and hence the Master cannot be tried by his Lodge ;

22. That Masonic intercourse with a clandestine or expelled Mason is a breach of duty, and an offense against Masonic law.

23. That a restoration to the privileges of Masonry by the Grand Lodge does not restore to membership in a Subordinate Lodge.

24. That a Mason, who is not a member of any Lodge, is still subject to the disciplinary power of Masonry ;

25. That the disciplinary power of a Lodge may not be exercised for a violation of the moral law (as distinguished from the law of the land), until the offender has been thrice admonished by the Master or Wardens of his lodge ;

26. That a failure to meet by a Lodge for one year is cause for the forfeiture of its warrant ;

27. That it is the duty, as well as the right, of every warranted Lodge to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication ;

28. That a Grand Lodge has supreme and exclusive jurisdiction, within its territorial limits, over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry ;

29. That no appeal lies from the decision of a Grand Master in the chair, or his Deputy or Warden occupying the chair in his absence ;

30. That the office of Grand Master is always elective, and should be filled annually by the Grand Lodge ;

31. That a Grand Lodge, composed of its Officers and of Representatives, must meet at least once in each year to consult and act concerning the interests of the Fraternity in its jurisdiction.

E. S. Cozier S. Grand Warden.

E. T. Foote J. Grand Warden.

We, the Grand Lodg

of **FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS**, of the **STATE OF NEW-YORK**, in ample Form assembled, according to
under the auspices of **PRINCE EDWIN**, at the City of York, in Great Britain, in the Year of Mas

The Most Worshipful Stephen Van Rensselaer

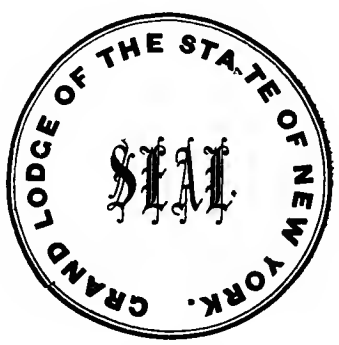
The Right Worshipful John Brush

The Right Worshipful Ezra S. Cozier

The Right Worshipful Elial T. Foote

Do by these Presents appoint, authorize and empower our worthy Brother Welcome Est
James Hunter, to be the Senior Warden; and our worthy Brother John Seymou
to be the Junior Warden, of a Lodge of **FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS**, to be, by Virtue here
Albany, in the county of Albany,

which Lodge shall be distinguished by the Name or Style of Mount Vernon Lodge N
and the said Master and Wardens, and their successors in Office, are hereby respectively authorized and directed,
of the Members of the said **Lodge**, duly to be summoned and present upon such Occasions, to **ELECT** and
happen, in manner and form as is, or may be, prescribed by the Constitution of this GRAND LODGE.—And fu
and Authority to assemble upon proper and lawful Occasions, and to MAKE MASONS—to **ADMIT ME**
Act and Thing appertaining to the **CRAFT** as have been and ought to be done, for the Honour and advan
Constitution of this GRAND LODGE, otherwise this **WARRANT** and the Powers thereby granted to ceas



Given under our Hands and the Seal of our GRAND LODGE, in
This Eight Day of June in the Year o
Twenty five and in the Year of **MASONRY**, five thousan

This Warrant was granted upon representation to the Grand Lodge that the former warrant was destroyed by fire. And is without fee.

Eb Wadsworth, Grand Sect.

Grand Master.

John Brush D. Grand Master.

the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity

in ample Form assembled, according to the Old Constitutions regularly and solemnly established in Great Britain, in the Year of Masonry 4926, viz.

Grand Master.

Deputy Grand Master.

Senior Grand Warden.

Junior Grand Warden.

worthy Brother Welcome Esleeck to be the Master; our worthy Brother worthy Brother John Seymour

EPTED MASONS, to be, by Virtue hereof, constituted, formed, and held in the city of

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 3=

e hereby respectively authorized and directed, by and with the Assistance and Consent of a Majority sent upon such Occasions, to **ELECT** and **INSTALL** the Officers of the said Lodge as Vacancies tution of this GRAND LODGE.—And Further, the said Lodge is hereby invested with full Power to MAKE MASONS—to **ADMIT MEMBERS**—as also to do and perform all and every such ught to be done, for the Honour and advantage thereof; conforming in all their Proceedings to the **T** and the Powers thereby granted to cease and to be of no further effect.

d the Seal of our GRAND LODGE, in the City of New York, United States of America, Day of June in the Year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and n the Year of **MASONRY,** five thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Eb Wadsworth, Grand Secretary.

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Wadsworth, Grand Sect.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Of Meetings.

SECTION 1. The regular communications of this Lodge shall be held at its Lodge room, on the first and third Mondays of every month. The hour of meeting shall be at 7½ o'clock P. M.

SEC. 2. The Lodge may, by vote, take a recess, and suspend their regular meetings, during the summer months, but the prerogative of the Master or other presiding officer, to summon a regular or emergent Lodge, when he or they shall deem it necessary, shall not in any way be affected by said vote.

Election.

SEC. 1. The annual election of officers shall take place at the regular meeting next preceding the Festival of St. John, the Evangelist, the 27th day of December, which meeting shall be known as the "Annual Communication." The elective officers shall be chosen by written ballots, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be requisite to

constitute an election, and the balloting shall not, in any instance, be closed, until all the members present, entitled to vote, shall have had an opportunity of so doing.

SEC. 2. In case the said day of election, by casualty or unavoidable accident, be omitted to be observed, a meeting shall be convened by summons, on some other day, for the purpose of holding an election, and the election of officers at said meeting shall be valid ; *provided* a dispensation for holding such election be first procured from the Grand Master or his Deputy.

ARTICLE II.

Of Officers and their Duties.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall be a Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary ; and the appointed officers shall be a Senior and Junior Deacon, Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremonies, Chaplain, Organist, Marshal and Tiler, who shall be appointed by the Master.

SEC. 2. The duties of the Master and Wardens shall be such as are recognized by the laws and usages of Masonry.

The Secretary's Duty.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep the following books, viz :

1st. A Blotter, or scrap minute book, for the constant use of the Lodge.

2d. A Record, in which the minutes shall be fairly written after they have been adopted.

3d. A register of the members of the Lodge, in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

4th. A Ledger.

5th. A book containing the Constitution and General Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge; also, an appendix thereto, for the purpose of recording every new Regulation or amendment to said Constitution.

6th. An Engrossed copy of the By-Laws or this Lodge, to be signed by every brother becoming a member thereof. Also an appendix thereto, to record, under the direction of the Master, all additional Laws, alterations or amendments.

8th. An Official Receipt Book.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary always to keep these books in good order for inspection; to conduct the correspondence of the Lodge, under the direction of the Master; to notify all candidates of their election; to transmit to the Grand Secretary (immediately) after every election, the names of the Master and Wardens; to make out a return to the Grand Lodge, in the form laid down in the Constitution, and as often as the law requires, to notify the Grand Lodge, and the Lodges of this city, of every suspension, expulsion, and restoration which may take place in this Lodge; to furnish the chairman of every committee with the names of his associates, to-

gether with a copy of the resolution or subject matter confided to them by the Lodge; the Lodge Seal shall be confided to his special care; he shall attend the Master or any committee of the Lodge, with any books or papers in his possession, and give such information as may be required of him; he shall collect and carefully record the receipt of all fees and dues, and shall at least once a month, and every month, pay the same over to the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor. At the Annual Communication, he shall make a full report to the Lodge; and at the expiration of his term of office, transfer all the property of the Lodge in his possession to his successor in office. Immediately after the Annual Communication, he shall summon all members who are two years in arrears for dues.

The Treasurer's Duty.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Lodge, and keep an exact account thereof — where deposited, and how disposed of: also, enter an account of all securities taken for debts due the Lodge. He shall pay all accounts which have been passed by the Lodge, on the Warrant of the Master, countersigned by the Secretary. Rents and Grand Lodge dues may be paid immediately on the order of the Master, attested by the Secretary. He shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements in a small ledger, and carefully number and file his vouchers for examination, whenever required

by the Lodge or standing committee; and shall, at the annual communication, report the condition of the treasury, with a list of the debts due by and to the Lodge, with the names of the debtors and creditors. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, transfer to his successor all moneys and other property of the Lodge which may be in his possession or subject to his order.

The Tiler's Duty.

SEC. 5. The Tiler's duty shall be to keep the furniture clean, and everything in order for the meeting of the Lodge; to keep a list of the names of the members and their place of residence; and regularly to serve all notices placed in his hands by the Secretary, upon whom he shall call in proper time to receive them previous to the meeting of the Lodge. He shall not allow any stranger to approach the door of the Lodge while at labor, and shall require every non-resident brother, on his first visit, to enter his name and the name of the Lodge to which he belongs or hails from, in a book provided or arranged for that purpose. In all other respects he shall be under the direction of the Master, and for the FAITHFUL performance of his duties he shall receive for tiling, serving notices, or attending on funerals, such sums as the Lodge may, from time to time, direct.

SEC. 6. All other officers shall perform such duties as the Master and Wardens may require.

SEC. 7. In addition to the duties hereinbefore enjoined, it shall be the duty of the Master, Treasurer, and Secretary, conjointly, to report to the Lodge at the Annual Communication a full and complete inventory of all property belonging to the Lodge (except that required to be reported by the Treasurer and Secretary in their respective annual reports), of what the same consists, where, or in whose hands soever the same may be; which said report shall be entered in full in the minutes, and filed.

ARTICLE III.

Of Membership.

SECTION 1. Candidates for initiation shall make application by petition in the following words:

To the W. M., Wardens and Members of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 3, Ancient Free Masons:

I, ...being a man, free born, not deformed or dismembered, do hereby freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Free Masonry in your Lodge.

I declare, upon my honor, that I am unbiased by any improper solicitation of friends, and am uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive; that I am prompted by a avorable opinion entertained of the institution, a desire of

knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to my fellow man. Should I be received, I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

Where were you born ?.....

What is your age ?..... .....

What is your occupation ? .....

How long have you lived in the State of New York ? .....

How long in the city and county of Albany ?...

Have you ever, to your knowledge, been proposed as a candidate and rejected, in a Masonic Lodge ; and if so, when and in what Lodge ?...

Do you believe in the existence of one ever-living and true God ?.....

Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reason which should prevent you from becoming a Free Mason ? .....

And I do further declare, upon my honor as a man, that true answers are given to the foregoing questions.

.....*Candidate.*

.....*Proposing Brother.*

The candidate's name shall be written by his own hand, at full length, to the above form of petition, and witnessed by the proposing brother, and when presented shall be accompanied with the sum of ten dollars as a forfeit, in case of neglect or recantation of said candidate, otherwise to be placed to the account of his initiation fee, if he be accepted, or returned if he be rejected.

Sec. 2. All propositions for membership must be made on a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Sec. 3. The application of a candidate shall be referred to an investigating committee, whose duty it shall be to see and converse with him, and strictly to investigate his character and standing in society, &c., &c., and make a report at the next regular communication.

Sec. 4. Application for affiliation shall be in the following words, viz:

I, A——— B———, a (here insert the degree) Mason, having read the By-Laws of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3, do hereby offer myself for membership therein, and if accepted, I promise to sustain to the best of my ability the principles and regulations of the Lodge.

Which application shall be signed by the brother and witnessed as in the preceding case, and when presented shall be accompanied with the sum of one dollar; said sum to be forfeited to the Lodge in case the brother does not consummate his membership within six months from the date of his acceptance.

Sec. 5. No adjoining member shall be received unless he produce satisfactory evidence that all claims against him in the Lodge he formerly belonged to have been discharged.

Sec. 6. If a candidate be rejected, he cannot be again proposed until the expiration of six months thereafter.

Sec. 7. If a candidate neglects to present

himself for six months after he has been notified by the Secretary, of his election, he shall forfeit his deposit, and also the right of becoming a member unless re-elected.

SEC. 8. No member shall be permitted to demit from this Lodge, until he shall present a certificate from some warranted Lodge, that he has been admitted to membership therein. On presentation of such certificate, the Lodge, at a stated communication, *shall*, if the member is not an elected officer of, or indebted to, the Lodge, or under charges, issue a certificate of demit, which shall not be delivered to the brother, but *shall* be transmitted, by the secretary of this Lodge, to the Lodge from which such certificate of petition came; which demit shall not become operative, or the brother's membership in the lodge issuing the demit terminated, until notice has been received, that the brother has consummated membership in the other Lodge.

But any member of a Lodge, against whom charges are not pending, and whose dues and indebtedness to the Lodge are paid, may withdraw from membership by presenting a written application therefor at a stated communication. The Lodge shall grant the request of the brother by dropping his name from the rolls, and his membership shall thereby be terminated, and he shall be subject to the disabilities of an unaffiliated Master Mason; provided, however, that an elected officer cannot withdraw. [*See sec.* 45, *Statutes of the Grand Lodge*, *passed* 1873.]

SEC. 9. No Master Mason can become a

member of this Lodge without signing the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Fees and Dues.

SECTION 1. The fee for initiating, passing and raising, shall be fifty dollars, and none of the said degrees shall be conferred until the whole amount shall have been paid.

SEC. 2. Every brother initiated in this Lodge, shall be furnished with a copy of the By-Laws.

SEC. 3. The fee of an adjoining member shall be one dollar.

SEC. 4. The amount each member shall annually pay into the Treasury, shall be three dollars.

SEC. 5. Any member being in arrear for dues for one year, shall not be entitled to vote on any question whatever, in the Lodge, until such dues are fully paid. Arrears for two years' dues shall subject a member to be stricken from the roll, thirty days after being summoned to pay the same.

ARTICLE V.

Of Funds and Property.

SECTION 1. All the personal property of the Lodge shall be held vested in the Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer, for the time being.

SEC. 2. All real estate which may hereafter be acquired, shall be vested in Trustees, in such manner as the Lodge shall direct.

SEC. 3. Whenever the funds of the Lodge shall exceed one hundred dollars, the Lodge, in its discretion, may invest the same in good and sufficient securities.

SEC. 4. All funds shall be subject to the immediate call of the Lodge.

SEC. 5. A member holding funds or any property belonging to the Lodge, who will not pay and deliver up the same, when demanded of him by a person or persons duly authorized, shall upon trial and conviction, forthwith be suspended, and his name and offense shall be reported to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. Where the distress of a brother may not admit of delay, the Master or other presiding officer may draw an order on the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding ten dollars, in any one particular case, and shall report the same to the Lodge on its next regular night of meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Of Penalties and Trial.

SECTION 1. Gross immorality, dishonesty and improper or unmasonic conduct, shall constitute grounds for expulsion.

SEC. 2. Any member having charges preferred against him, shall have due, full and timely notice

thereof, and shall be entitled to a fair trial and patient hearing of his defense.

SEC. 3. The consent of a majority shall be sufficient to expel or suspend a member.

SEC. 4. Any brother having cause of complaint against his fellow, and wishing to prefer charges thereon, shall do so in writing. A certified copy of such charges shall be furnished the accused brother, and the rules laid down by the Grand Lodge in such cases shall be adopted and strictly adhered to by this Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

Miscellaneous.

SECTION 1. A committee consisting of five members shall be appointed by the Master, after his installation; said committee shall be styled the Finance Committee, to whom shall be referred the Annual Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, also all bills against the Lodge.

SEC. 2. When brethren change their places of residence they shall notify the Secretary thereof, so as to enable him to perform his duty correctly.

SEC. 3. Any person for whose accommodation a special meeting shall be called, shall pay the proper expenses thereof.

SEC. 4. On the death of a worthy brother, who may request a Masonic funeral, the Master shall cause the Lodge to be summoned to attend the funeral in such manner as he shall deem proper.

SEC. 5. In case of the death of any member of this Lodge whose family are unable to pay the necessary funeral expenses, the Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall take charge of the same and see that the brother is decently interred. In no case shall the expenses exceed *sixty dollars*, unless specially ordered by the Lodge.

Of Amendments.

SEC. 6. No part of these By-Laws shall be suspended, repealed, annulled, altered or amended, unless a proposal in writing be presented to the Lodge at least one regular meeting previous to action being had thereon ; and when action shall be had thereon, two-thirds of all the members present and voting shall be necessary to in any manner change the effect of these laws.

Officers,

ELECTED DECEMBER 15TH, 1873.

WILLIAM H. SHOEMAKER,...MASTER.
HORATIO P. PRIME, ...S. W.
LEVI H. KAUFMAN, ...J. W.
JOHN FONDA, ...TREASURER.
JAMES E. ALLANSON, ...SECRETARY.
BENJAMIN STRASSER,.....S. D.
A. M. MICHAEL,..... .....J. D.
J. K. REYNOLDS, ...
CHARLES H. VAN AERNAM,.. } MASTERS OF CEREMONY.
SAMUEL B. BELDING,.....ORGANIST.
THOMAS SMYTH, of Ancient City
Lodge No. 452,.....ASSISTANT ORGANIST.
WILLIAM FISHER, of Wadsworth
Lodge No. 417, ...TILER.
E. M. PARKER, ...MARSHAL.
ALFRED T. CHATFIELD,.....LESSEE.

A CONDENSED HISTORY

OF

Mount Vernon Lodge,

No. 3, F. & A. M.,

TOGETHER WITH

SOME VERY INTERESTING STATISTICS AND FACTS
RELATIVE TO THE RISE, PROGRESS AND
PROSPERITY OF THE LODGE.

PRESENTED TO THE ☐ MAY 4TH, 1874.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Mount Vernon ☐ No. 3:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the duty of preparing a condensed history of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 3, (formerly Union Lodge No. 1, of Albany), would present the following report as the result of their labors:

CONDENSED HISTORY

OF

Mount Vernon ▭ No. 3,

FORMERLY

UNION LODGE No. 1, OF ALBANY.

The work of tracing accurately the history of Mount Vernon ▭ No. 3, has been attended with considerable research and trouble, not so much from the fact that beyond all question it is the oldest Lodge in the city of Albany, as the records prove, but from the dishonorable action on the part of some persons unknown to your committee, who seem to have taken especial care to mutilate some of the Minute Books, particularly where they referred to the history of the Lodge. Notwithstanding these difficulties, however, we have direct evidence that the original title of Mount Vernon ▭ No. 3, was

Union Lodge, of Albany.

On February 21st, A. L. 5765, A. D. 1765, Union Lodge, of Albany, received its warrant from George Harrison, Provincial Grand Master!

According to a work by M. W. P. G. M. John L. Lewis, George Harrison warranted St. Patrick's Lodge, at Johnstown, August 23d, 1766! The fifteen brethren who composed St. Patrick's Lodge were made in Albany, in a Lodge warranted the year previous (1765). That Lodge must have been Union Lodge. And it must have received its warrant from George Harrison, as no other had authority to grant a warrant in the province of New York.

John Johnson, who approved the By-Laws of 1773, as Provincial Grand Master, was not made Provincial Grand Master of New York till 1771.

At that period its officers were as follows:

W. M. Peter W. Yates.
S. W. John W. Wendell.
J. W. Leonard Gansevoort.

In 1773 the first By-Laws, now in possession of the Lodge, were adopted, and attached thereto are the signatures of the members. This list of members continues unbroken to the present time.

Minutes.

It was only reasonable to suppose that as we could trace the list of members, we should find the minutes and documents of the Lodge intact; but leaf after leaf of the minutes have been torn out, as if some persons had feared the history of the Lodge, and had hoped by mutilating our records to render it impossible to trace the exact

date of the dedication of our ancient and time honored ☐. The first minutes in possession of the ☐ are of a communication held September 19th, 1800, and they continue unbroken (excepting where leaves have been torn from the books), to the year 1814. From 1814 to 1827 the books are missing, but after that date they remained intact. At the formation of the

Grand Lodge of the State of New York,

it was determined that all Lodges holding warrants granted by Provincial Grand Lodges or Provincial Grand Masters should surrender the same, and receive in lieu thereof warrants issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. For some reason Union Lodge of Albany refused to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and declined either to surrender its warrant or accept a warrant from the Grand Lodge. This action of Union Lodge was the subject of some comment in the Grand Lodge, and accordingly from the *Minutes of the Grand Lodge of January* 18, *A. L.* 5797, we glean that it was unanimously

Resolved, "That the Right Worshipful Deputy "Grand Master be requested to take charge of "the delinquent Lodges in Poughkeepsie and Al-"bany who have not surrendered their original "warrants; that he be authorized to receive and "cancel the same, and to furnish new ones under "the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

The minutes of the Grand Lodge further show that the Right Worshipful Grand Master visited the brethren of Union, Masters' and Temple Lodges, in Albany, and announced the request of the Grand Lodge with respect to the surrender of their old warrants. The brethren of Union ☐, whom he met in their Lodge room, appeared willing to accede to the request of the Grand Lodge, but there was one obstacle to its being completed, namely, a question which arose as to

The Rank they were to Hold,

as they were possessed of two Provincial Warrants. This question, it is evident from the minutes of the Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master did not feel justified in deciding, as the minutes say "the Deputy Grand Master has "brought with him a copy of said warrants, and "would recommend its being referred to a Com-"mittee to report upon at the next Grand Lodge." *On June 6th, A. L.* 5798, Right Worshipful De Witt Clinton reported "that he had not been "able to induce the members of Union Lodge "at Albany to surrender their old warrant, or to "come under or acknowledge the jurisdiction of "this Grand Lodge, and accordingly he recom-"mended the adoption of some decisive mea-"sures by the Grand Lodge to assert and "maintain its authority on the said refractory "Lodge."

The Grand Lodge Acknowledged.

It would appear from the foregoing that Union Lodge persistently refused to give up its warrant or acknowledge the Grand Lodge, and this insubordination continued until such time as the Grand Lodge was about to take severe measures, when Union Lodge took the alarm and the acknowledgment of its authority soon followed. Still, two years elapsed before this result was reached, for it was not until *June 6th*, *A. L.* 5800, that the Grand Secretary reported that Union Lodge, held in the city of Albany, had acknowledged the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that a warrant was, by direction of the Grand Master, delivered to the Master of said Lodge, in due form, under the special promise that the warrants in the possession of Union Lodge, being *three* in number, should be delivered into the hands of the Grand Secretary, and that the rank and number of that Lodge should be regulated according to the date of the first warrant granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge for New York, which is the 21st day of February, A. D. 1765, and being the third in the state that received a warrant it was classed No. 3.

The above is from the records of the Grand Lodge, furnished by R. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary, assisted by W. Bro. John G. Barker, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of the

State of New York. To whom your committee tender many thanks.

Minutes of the Lodge.

The minutes of Union Lodge, now in our possession, contain some very interesting facts, particularly as regards working of the Lodge, and its name being changed to that of Mount Vernon. The first minute book belonging to the Lodge that we have been able to get, is Union Lodge Extra, dated

September 19th, 1800.

It appears that the communication of September 19th, 1800, was for the purpose of hearing the report of a general committee, comprised of five members from each of the following Lodges: Union, Masters' and Temple, who were charged with the investigation of the proposed new constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York. For some reason they did not approve of the Grand Lodge holding its meetings in New York in place of Albany, and accordingly they reported adversely to the proposed new constitution, and called for a division of the Grand Lodge meetings, one to be held in New York and the other in Albany; that in New York to be under the direction of the Grand Master, and that in Albany under the direction of the Deputy Grand Master, but at the same time both bodies were to be under the

superintendence of one Grand Master. This report was adopted, and a resolution also adopted to print two hundred copies of the proceedings, to be distributed by Union, Master and Temple Lodges, to sister lodges throughout the State, asking their coöperation.

September 23, 1800.

At the communication held September 23, 1800, the Lodge decided that it would not surrender its former warrants to the Grand Lodge, or indeed have anything to do with it, although at the same time it is beyond doubt that they had a wholesome dread of being adjudged insubordinate. To accomplish the one and avoid the other, required some diplomacy, and the resolutions are appended for information :

"*Resolved*, *unanimously*, That the resolution of "this Lodge of the 10th July last, so far as it "respects the surrender and transmission of the "former warrants of this Lodge, and appointing "Bro. R. J. Vanderbrouck its proxy, be re-"voked and repealed, and that the Worshipful "Bro. Yates be requested to retain the same; "and as this Lodge has since the said 10th day "of April continued to meet and act under said "original warrants, and not to act under the new "warrant of the Grand Lodge of the 17th day "May last,

"*Resolved*, *unanimously*, That the said new "warrant be surrendered and transmitted to the "Secretary of the Grand Lodge, accompanied

"by a letter from the Secretary of this Lodge, "explanatory of the causes and reasons of pass- "ing the above resolution." (The letter was submitted and approved of.)

"*Resolved*, That this Lodge ever since 1784 "have deemed themselves to be under the juris- "diction of the Grand Lodge of this State, and "have been so deemed and acknowledged by the "Grand Lodge, as appears from various letters, "resolutions, and documents of said Grand "Lodge, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master "and Secretaries in possession of this Lodge. "We apprehend that a contrary idea was enter- "tained until the late insinuations and declarations "to the contrary made by the present Deputy "Grand Master and Secretary of said Lodge, "while said insinuations and declarations, as well "as late conduct relative to this Lodge we deem 'un-Masonic like and derogatory to its honor. "But as this Lodge conceives that the Grand "Lodge, for which we entertain the greatest res- "pect and esteem, have not authorized or coun- "tenanced such insinuations, declarations, and "conduct, this Lodge do not hesitate expressly "to declare that they still do hold and conceive "themselves subordinate to the Grand Lodge "and bound by its laws and constitution, not- "withstanding any groundless insinuations or "declarations to the contrary."

At that time it is very evident that the Lodge had a high opinion of its own importance, and, although its officers manifested a certain degree of alarm, for fear the Grand Lodge might possi-

bly exercise its power either to obliterate or punish so refractory a Lodge, still by their neglect they allowed the inference to be drawn that they did not purpose acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. Nearly three months were allowed to elapse without any action being taken, until in December of the same year. Then the necessity for some action on the part of the Lodge made itself apparent, and at a communication held

December 2d, 1800,

the secretary, Bro. Barry, was requested, *without delay*, to transmit to the Grand Lodge a copy of the resolutions heretofore passed, relative to the ratification of the proposed new constitution, together with the report of the committee on that subject.

The Lodge owns a Lot of Land.

The minutes show that the Lodge owned property, and paid taxes on it, and that the deeds were ordered to be recorded, but what became of the deeds or the property your committee are unable to say, as the deeds do not seem to have been recorded, nor is any further mention made of it in the minutes. The first mention made of it was at a communication held

February 3, 1801,

when it was ordered that the sum of $\$\frac{96}{100}$ be paid

to Bro. Barclay, he having paid that amount for taxes on a lot belonging to this Lodge.

The communications of the Lodge do not seem to have been held very frequently, for the next communication appears to have taken place on

July 21*st*, 1801,

a lapse of over five months. Then the subject of the lot owned by the Lodge was again under consideration, and " Brothers Fryer and Barclay " were appointed a committee to procure the " Recording of the Deeds relative to the Lodge " lot which the Worshipful Master reported were " found."

This is the last mentioned about the lot until the year 5807, and the presumption is that the property was retained by those in whose care it was placed. The disaffection in regard to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, does not by any means seem to have subsided, but on the contrary there was made a determined

Effort to Establish a Grand Lodge in Albany.

Accordingly at a communication held *December* 9, 1801 it was

" *Resolved*, That this Lodge act in conjunction " with Masters' and Temple Lodges to invite all " lodges west, north, and south, as far as practi- " cable to appoint proxies to meet in this city

"(Albany) on the 15th day of February, 1802, "for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge "to meet in this city, and carry the object into "effect."

Two days prior to the proposed meeting, *February 13th*, 1802, the Lodge held a communication at which it was

"*Resolved*, That the secretary enter the "several warrants of this Lodge on record in the "minutes of this Lodge." That this was done your committee has no reason to doubt, but we are unable to prove the fact in consequence of the *records from April 5th*, 1802 *to July 6th*, 1802 *having been destroyed* by being torn from the book. But one object can be assigned for this act, that the Lodge would at some future time print its history, and that these records, containing copies of the warrants, would if in existence conclusively prove the justice of its claim to be the oldest Lodge in the city of Albany. If that were the object of the mutilators of our ancient records, they have signally failed in their efforts, as we have other data to go by which will enable us to maintain our position, and the fact is mentioned only to show to what measures it was thought necessary to resort.

The records do not state that there was a meeting of proxies on February 15th, 1802, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge to meet in Albany. The next communication of which the minutes remain was

December 26, 1802,

at which Peter W. Yates informed the Lodge that his advanced age and domestic affairs induced him to decline being a candidate as master of the Lodge, and requested the Lodge to elect some other person. It seems that Worshipful Bro. Peter W. Yates had been master of the Lodge from *February* 21, 1765 *to December* 26, 1802, a period of thirty-seven years. The request of Bro. Yates does not seem to have been complied with, and he was re-elected, December 5803, and then retired! *See list of officers.*

December 20, 1803.

It will be seen that from December 1802 to December 1803, the Lodge must have had a quiet time, as the records show that no communication was held, but trouble seems to have been brewing on the question of the authority of the Grand Lodge, and it culminated in a split in the Lodge, by far the larger number being in favor of working under the warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and a minority or select few persisting in their right to work under the warrant issued by George Harrison in 5765, as Provincial Grand Master. The minutes show that *two elections were held* that year, one on the 20*th December*, 5803, at a regular communication, at which the officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, and also one on the 26th December, the same month, at which another set of officers was elected and installed. Then there seems to have been con-

siderable protesting done, the master elected on the 26th protesting the election of the master of the 20th, and *vice versa*. Matters grew warm until it became necessary to know which election was really valid, and with the view of having a decision the master elected on the 20th appealed to the Grand Lodge.

About this time the strife became very warm, so warm that W. Bro. Peter W. Yates, whose health, domestic affairs, and advanced age had induced him to decline being a candidate for Master the year previous, was *nerved* to the contest again, and was re-elected December 26th, 1803, and preferred charges against W. Master Peter Fryer, who was elected on the 20th of the same month; and that faction expelled W. Bro. Fryer from the Lodge! The Grand Lodge did not recognize the expulsion, as was seen by the action of the Grand Lodge Committee in their report to the Grand Lodge, and the recognition as to who was legally elected Master in December, 1803.

According to the minutes of January 18th, 5804, it appears that Worshipful Bro. Peter Fryer was endeavoring to run the Lodge under the warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of this State, whereas Worshipful Bro. Peter W. Yates tried to run it under the warrant issued by Sir George Harrison, Provincial Grand Master, and the Yates party claimed that Fryer was running under the old warrant, and not the new one, as the old one was framed and hanging in the room over Solomon's chair. According to the minutes it appears that in

May, 5805,

the Grand Lodge Committee decided that the officers elected on the 20th, were duly and constitutionally elected, but that is all the information we have upon the subject, for the minute book again shows evidence of mutilation, large portions being torn out, from May to December 26, 1805.

It also appears in the communication of May, 5805, that the Grand Master recommended an amicable settlement, reduced to writing and signed by both parties, and delivered to the Grand Master! Which was that Union Lodge was to remain the same, and Bro. Fryer and his associates were to have a warrant for a new Lodge. Whereupon it was (by the friends of the old warrant)

Resolved, That Bro. Jacob Woods be Proxy of this Lodge by request to solicit the Grand Lodge to repeal their resolution in favour of said appellants and of this Lodge, in order that a copy thereof may be transmitted to the neighboring Lodge to which the said appellants have sent Copies of the former resolutions of the Grand Lodge, in favour of the said appellants.

Resolved, *unanimously*, That this Lodge accept an appeal of said report and that the Secretary of this Lodge transmit a copy thereof to the Grand Lodge!

The following will show what disposition the Grand Lodge made of this long pending contention:

Extract from minute book, May 5805!

Answer to Grand Lodge.

"A more extraordinary and unconstitutional mode of proceeding of a Lodge was never heard of in the annals of Masonry, the Lodge has been condemned by two members of a Grand Lodge committee composed of seven, on an *ex parte* affidavit of the appellants, and without giving us notice or a hearing, and on this the Grand Lodge have predicated their resolution against us, which resolutions we presume ought to be repeated, especially as the appellants have furnished all the neighboring Lodges with copies thereof."

More about the Lodge Lot.

December 26, 5805.

At the communication on December 26, 5805, a deed was presented to the Lodge executed by Bro. P. W. Yates and Bro. Graham to Bro. Macauley, C. C. Yates and S. Tymeson of the Lodge lot pursuant to a former resolution of the Lodge, and the same was deposited in the Treasurer's box, but Sebastian Tymeson having withdrawn his membership from the Lodge, he conveyed his interest in the lot on Pearl street to James Barclay on the first day of July, 5806. It was

about this time that the split in the Lodge had made itself so manifest that it became in fact two lodges, those working under the warrant of the Grand Lodge, under the title of Union Lodge No. 3, of the State of New York, and the Yates party, a minority of less than a dozen, working under the original warrant, and calling themselves Union Lodge No. 1 of Albany. As may be supposed, the Grand Lodge refused to recognize the "bolters" as the original Union Lodge, and it is not surprising that they soon died out of existence as a Lodge. On

January 6th, 5807,

Union Lodge No. 1, of Albany, held its last communication, and it was

"*Resolved*, That Bro. C. C. Yates, John "Macauley and James Barkley, the present trus-"tees of the Lot belonging to the Lodge and ly-"ing on Pearl street, be authorized to dispose of, "sell, rent or lease the same for such time or in "such manner and form as they may deem most "expedient; also to dispose of such other prop-"erty of this Lodge as they or a majority of "them may deem advisable."

From the minutes we glean that Brothers C. C. Yates, John Macauley, Sebastian Tymeson, James Barclay, Daniel Steele, and a few others, composed this Union Lodge No. 1 of Albany — a Lodge totally distinct from the original Union Lodge No. 3 — which they were working with-

out the sanction of any grand body, and in direct violation of the orders of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. On the other hand the majority of the members expressed their determination to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and the better to accomplish that end they surrendered the warrant under which they worked, and which was issued by some Provincial Master or Lodge, to the Grand Lodge, in the year 1806, and received in lieu thereof a warrant from the Grand Lodge, and giving it a new name

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 3,

thus maintaining its rank as the third oldest Lodge in the State.

Here again, are the books mutilated. In fact all the minutes of 5806, and over half of the year 5807, are torn from the book! The first eighteen months of the record of the Lodge under the new name, and new warrant of 5806, are lost in consequence of that act.

The Lodge has continued its communications uninterruptedly to the present date, although in 5830, 5831, 5832, and 5833 no new members were admitted, and but three communications were held in 5831, one in 5832, and but two in 5833.

The Warrant Destroyed by Fire.

In the year 5824 the warrant granted in 5806 was destroyed by fire, and the present one was

granted without fee in 5825. And here again another curious circumstance manifests itself, which should not be passed over without comment. We find by the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in June, 5824, it is stated that Gilboa Lodge, No. 210, deposited in the hands of —— — ——, of Albany, thirty-two dollars, for the purpose of procuring a warrant, and the presumption is that he was unfaithful to his trust, hence the following resolution was passed :

"*Resolved*, That *Mount Vernon Lodge*, *No.* 4, "be directed to summon —— — ——, to an-"swer the charge alleged against him and to deal "with him as the facts and circumstances of the "case may require."

Here Mount Vernon Lodge is called *No.* 4, and in 5841 she is again spoken of as No. 3.

Growth and Prosperity of Mount Vernon Lodge.

It may be safely assumed then, beyond the possibility of contradiction, that Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3, is justly entitled to the honor of being the oldest Lodge in the city of Albany. She has had her days of prosperity and her days of adversity, but your committee have not found one year that she has not paid her dues to the Grand Lodge, and been a quiet and peaceful co-worker in the noble sisterhood of Lodges, since she has been working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. Although at the inauguration of the Grand Lodge some few of her members were

refractory and would not yield, they were not the Lodge. Always a champion of the honor and reputation of the Fraternity, on one occasion she did not hesitate to assume the Masonic debt of all the Masonic bodies in this city, and paid it, thus preserving their reputations. At other times, like the Son of Man, she "had not where to lay her head." Yet she did not complain or lose heart, and it is with deep satisfaction your committee can assure you that at no time in her record has she been as prosperous as now. She celebrated her one hundredth anniversary with great *eclat*, and now after being the parent of several of our sister Lodges in this city, and one abroad, at the age of one hundred and nine years she raps at the door of our state for an act of incorporation, and received it on the 17th day of March, A. L. 5874.

Appended to this report will be found a list of the officers of the Lodge, so far as we have been able to trace them, a complete list of membership, and other documents of interest.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

SKETCHES.

According to a work published in New York city, by Bro. James Hardie, A. M., in the year 5818, there were two Lodges in this state numbered, No. 3; one, St. Andrew's, No. 3, in New York city, and the other, Mount Vernon, No. 3, of Albany. According to the same work, Masters' Lodge, at Albany, at that time was No. 4, and St. Patrick's Lodge, of Johnstown, was No. 9, and Solomon's Lodge, of Poughkeepsie, was No. 5, and Temple Lodge, of Albany, was No. 53. Also a Lodge in this city (Albany) known as Morning Star Lodge, No. 236, warranted October 11th, 5814. It appears that there were 301 Lodges in this state in 5817.

The same work shows that the first Grand Lodge instituted in America was at Savannah, Georgia, in the year 5730; one in Boston, Mass., July 30th, 5733, known as St. John's Grand Lodge; one in Pennsylvania, June 24th, 5734, Benjamin Franklin first Grand Master! This Grand Lodge was warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge, of Boston, although a Grand Lodge had been instituted in Pennsylvania by warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, June 20th, 5764. December 27th, 5769, another Grand Lodge was instituted in Boston, warranted by St. Andrew's Grand Lodge of Scotland. 5771, the

Grand Lodge of Scotland warranted a Grand Lodge in North Carolina. October 30th, 5778, the Grand Lodge of Virginia was instituted. September, 5781, the Grand Lodge of New York was warranted by the Grand Lodge of England. December, 5786, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey formed. September 25th, 5786, the brethren of Pennsylvania declared an independent Grand Lodge, and adopted a new constitution. December 16th, 5786, the second Grand Lodge of Savannah, Georgia, was instituted. March 24th, 5787, Grand Lodge of South Carolina was instituted at Charleston. April 17th, 5787, Grand Lodge of Maryland was instituted. September 5th, 5787, the Grand Lodge of New York disclaim their dependence on the Grand Lodge of England, and formed themselves anew. July 8th, 5789, Grand Lodge in New Hampshire formed by the brethren of that state. June, 5791, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island constituted. October 14, 5794, Grand Lodge of Vermont instituted. January, 5808, Grand Lodge of Ohio constituted. December, 5808, Grand Lodge of Kentucky formed. Louisiana and the four other new states had not at that time many Lodges in them. It was not positively known that there were any in those new states at that time.

The following is an accurate statement of the number of Lodges in each of the states, so far as could be ascertained in the year 5816:

Rhode Island, . .	13	Delaware, ...	7
Massachusetts, . .	81	Maryland, ...	30
New Hampshire, .	19	Virginia, ...	54
Connecticut, . . .	48	Kentucky, ...	28
Vermont, ...	31	North Carolina, . .	31
New York, . . .	301	South Carolina, .	41
New Jersey, . . .	17	Georgia, ...	21
Pennsylvania, . .	115	Ohio, ...	26
Total			863

By Laws.

By-Laws.

Of

Union Lodge,

of the most antient and honorable Society of free and accepted Masons duly constituted the XXI*st Day of February AL.* 5765. *AD* 1765. *held in the City of Albany.*

Drawn at the Request of said Body,

By *Peter W. Yates.*

1773.

Aproved of by me John Johnson

Provincial Grand Master.

By-Laws.

As Laws Orders & Conſtitutions are eſsentially neceſsary to the Eſtabliſhmt. and Support of every Society, the general Laws and Regulations of the moſt antient & honorable Society of free and accepted Maſons as ſet forth in the Book of Conſtitutions, are invariably to be obſerved by every private Lodge and every individual Member of the Fraternity. But for better anſwering the Purpoſes of particular Lodges, to cement the Union thereof & for cultivating the royal Craft, it hath ever been the Uſage of the Lodges to frame to themſelves By-Laws, provided they are not contrary to the general Regulations.

By-Laws. of Union Lodge. } *Albany.*

Article I. That from and after this 29th day of April 1773 this Lodge ſhall aſsemble on Thurſday every Fortnight at the Hour to which the ſame is adjourned which ſhall be deemed general or public Lodge Nights, but the worſhipful Maſter may convene an extra or private Lodge whenever he ſhall deem it expedient.

Article II. That a Member neglecting to attend a public Lodge ſhall pay a Fine of two Shillings and a private Lodge one Shilling if duly ſummoned to ſuch private Lodge, unleſs he makes Excuſe ſatiſfactory to the Body, and a Member coming to Lodge after the appointed Time ſhall pay a Fine of ſix Pence, for which Purpoſe the Secretary ſhall every Lodge Evening call the Roll and make Report of thoſe who are fineable.

Art. III. That the Election of a Maſter and Treaſurer of this Lodge ſhall be annually at the public Lodge held before the Feſtival of St. John.

the Baptiſt by a Majority of the Members preſent by Ballot and that the Maſter elect ſhall on the Night of Election appoint the two Wardens Deacons and Secretary.

Art. IV. That the Accounts of the Treasurer ſhall be audited on the Night of Election or next Lodge Night by the Maſter and Wardens or by a Committee for that purpoſe to be appointed and the Ballance appearing due thereon, ſhall be paid by him to the Treaſurer elect immediately.

Art. V. That every member of this Lodge ſhall pay to Treaſurer, the annual ſum of ten Shillings by quarterly payments commencing from the Feaſt of St. John Ye. Baptiſt and if any one ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſame in three months from every ſuch quarter day having had Notice thereof from the Secretary he ſhall be expelled and excluded from viſiting this Lodge, unleſs good Cauſe be ſhewn to the Maſter and Brethren to induce a Forbearance.

Art. VI. No Man can be made a Maſon in this lodge without previous Notice one month given to the Lodge, in which Interval proper inquiry may be made into his Character. But in caſe he is well known to the Body or = recommended he may be admitted the ſame Evening in which he is propoſed, and on balloting no black or negative Ball ſhall appear, or he cannot be admitted.

Art. VII. Every one who ſhall be made a Maſon in this lodge is to pay three pounds 4/ for

the Fund and one Dollar to the Tyler, for which he ſhall be entitled to the three degrees without further expence : but if any Member of this body ſhall prove to be an unworthy Member of the Craft, he ſhall be expelled this Lodge forever.

Art. VIII. Any tranſient brother made in another lodge ſhall on being paſsed or raiſed in this lodge pay two dollars for each degree for the fund and one dollar to the tyler. the ſame alſo where a brother made in another lodge is admitted a Member of this Body.

Art. IX. That no one be admitted, or being diſcontinued be readmitted, a Member of this lodge without the unanimous Conſent of all the Members preſent to be decided by Ballot. and in caſe a private lodge is called at the requeſt of any one to be made paſsed or raiſed he ſhall pay y^e^. expence of it.

Art. X. That a viſitor, ſhall pay two Shillings for every Viſit. except y^e^. firſt.

Art. XI. That the fund Caſh Jewels furniture and other things of this lodge ſhall always be and hereby is veſted in and the property of the Maſter Wardens and brethren as their property, and to be diſpoſed of paid and applied as the Majority of the members preſent ſhall in due form, from time to time think proper.

Art. XII. That in all debates or Motions made in Lodge every brother is to addreſs the chair ſtanding, one to ſpeak at a Time and not twice on the ſame ſubject unleſs by ye Maſters Conſent.

Art. XIII. That any brother who is known to have ſpoken diſrespectful of the Society in general or this Lodge in particular, ſhall not be admitted a Member or viſitor until he has made a ſatiſfactory Concession.

Art. XIV. That no brother do preſume to curſe or ſwear in Lodge or come there intoxicated but behave decent & be ſilent on the third ſtroke of the Maſter's hammer or ſhall pay a Fine of three ſhillings.

Art. XV. That whatever brother has a ſecret communicated to him as ſuch, ſhall reveal it, he ſhall be expelled this lodge for ever if a Member, & if a Viſitor, that he no more be admitted to viſit, unleſs due Conceſsion is made ſatiſfactory to the body.

Art. XVI. That when a perſon is propoſed to be made a Maſon or become a Member and is rejected, no Member or viſitor diſcover who the members were that oppoſed his admiſsion or he ſhall be expell'd if a Member and if a Viſitor never more be admitted to viſit.

Art. XVII. That there ſhall be one fund wherein all the monies & Fines of this lodge ſhall from time to time be depoſited for charitable Uſes & the neceſsary expences of the lodge which Fund ſhall not be opened or inſpected but in open lodge and no monies diſpoſed out of it but by conſent of a Majority of the members preſent.

Art. XVIII. That if the maſter or other officer who in virtue of his Office is to keep the Key or Keys, ſhould not attend lodge in proper time and neglect to ſend the ſame whereby the buſineſs of the lodge ſhall be retarded ſuch officer ſhall forfeit eight ſhillings & pay for repairing the Cheſt Box & locks in caſe they are neceſsary to be broke open in order to open lodge.

Art. XIX. That for improving ourſelves in the royal art, a lecture ſhall be had every public lodge evening, or the maſter and in his abſence the warden who fills the chair, is to pay a fine of eight ſhill^s unleſs ſome extraordinary buſineſs render it inconvenient.

Art. XX. That every member refuſing to pay his fines ſhall be forever expell'd this lodge, but the maſter with Conſent of the Body may remit any Fines.

Art. XXI. That the ſenior warden ſhall every lodge night acquaint the maſter when it is ten o'clock, then y^e. lodge is to be cloſed unleſs in cases of extra buſineſs, and on lodge evening no member under a fine of one ſhilling ſhall have more drink than for ſix pence in the lodge room without the Maſter's conſent.

Art. XXII. That the tyler for every lodge night he attends ſhall be paid four ſhillings except when one is made a maſon or a ſtrange brother paſsed or raiſed and the tyler is to be at no Expenſe in the lodge.

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Art. XXIII. That no new law or alteration of any old one ſhall be valid unleſs = done and made by conſent of a majority of y^e. members preſent at a public lodge.

Art. XXIV. That all preſents made to this lodge be entered in the lodge book & y^e. brothers name giving the ſame.

Art. XXV. That every member of this lodge ſhall ſign theſe laws and keep the ſame and all ſuch as ſhall hereafter be made and in caſe of refusal ſhall be expelled.

It is recommended to every member of this lodge to propoſe or recommend none to be made maſons but whom they know to be men of good reputation & whoſe conduct in life may not tend to diminiſh the credit of Maſonry.

The above Laws are made and enacted at a public lodge held on thurſday the XXIXth day of april AL 5773. AD 1773.

Witness the hands of us the following officers and brethren.

A FAC SIMILE

OF THE

B Y - L A W S

As signed by every member, and as they appear on the books, commencing at the institution of the Lodge, A. L. 5765:

No.

1 Peter W. Yates, Maſter.
2 John. W. Wendell, S W
3 Leonard Ganſevoort J. W.
4 Abr^{m}. Bloodgood.
5 J Roorbach Sec^{ry}. withdrawn
6 William Hambalton
7 Henry Van Weort withdrawn
8 John Cole
9 Mathew Viſscher
10 Edward S Willett
11 Rich. Cartwright
12 John Viſscher
13 Benjn. Egburton Tr^{s}.
14 Thomas J Diamond
15 John Van Valkenburgh Junr Deacon
16 John A Bradt
17 Peter Ganſevoort Junr.
18 AB. Jacob Lanſingh

19 Henry Van Veghten
20 Anthony J. Ten Eyck
21 Jacob G. Lanſingh
22 Dirck Gardenier.
23 John Hooghkirk
24 Richard Hanſon
25 Daniel G Van Antwerp
26 Chris. P. Yates.
27 Mathew Watſon S. D.
28 Jacob Van duſen
29 Robt Hoakeſly
30 Thomas L Whitbeck
31 Arent N. Van Pettin
32 John D Voſburgh
33 Frans. Winne J
34 Joshua Lockwood
35 Jacobus Vanderpoel
36 Corn^s Van Santvoord Jr.
37 John A Lanſing
38 Arthur B Nugent
39 Gerrit Witbeck
40 James Mager
41 William Govey
42 John Bortell
43 Nicholas Joralemon
44 John D Goes
45 Donald Cameron
46 Eliſha Tallmadge
47 Jacob Beſt
48 Jno. Van Beuren
49 John T Viſscher
50 David Utter

51 Wm. Goodrich
52 Stephen Pearl
53 Enoch Woodbridge
54 Peter B Tearſe
55 Andrew Finch Jr.
56 Peter Bortal
57 Thos. McClelan
58 John J Cluet
59 Iſaac Gecion
60 Mathew Scott
61 Abrm. Livingſton
62 Bartholom. von Fleer.
63 H. Nantn. amck
64 Thomas J Douglas
65 Eleazer Curtis
66 Francis Shaw
67 James Furnwall
68 Francis Brindley
69 Henry Difendorf
70 Timothy Hughes
71 David Van Neſs
72 Peter S Voſburgh
73 Robt. Cochran
74 Dirck Ten Broeck
75 James V Renſselaer
76 Robt. Grey
77 Henry Blatner
78 Nathel Wales
79 John Mott
80 Thos. C Read
81 Mathew Pottin
82 Thos. Craig

83 Joseph Savage
84 Benj. Fiſhbourn
85 So^{l}. Pendleton
86 Thos. Sickles
87 J. R. Stevenſon
88 Ale^{x}. McElherney
89 Robert Wright
90 Jno. Blair
91 Barent S. Saliſbury
92 James Yancey
93 Jno. Spoor
94 Peter Magee
95 Elijah Babcock
96 Seth Warner
97 Tobias Van Veghten
98 Silas Gray
99 Jonathan N Mallarey
100 Benjamin Tupper
101 Ezra Badlam
102 Ja^{s}. Millen
103 Jacob Shafer
104 Jonas Barnes
105 Luther Barley.
106 Robt. Bradford Ju^{r}.
107 Adams Bailey Ju^{r}.
108 John Hart
109 John Thomas
110 Joſhua Tetman
111 George Dunham
112 Hezkiah Ripley
113 Silas Witbeck
114 Willm Lancy

115 James Geary
116 Samuel Eldred
117 George Eager
118 Saml Gilbert
119 BEN COOLTDYE
120 Jno. Franks
121 Hugh Deniſton
122 Joſeph Chriſtopher Delayen
123 William Mead
124 John Lincoln
125 Seth Baniſter
126 Tim^{o}. Bedel
127 James Thompſon
128 Saml. Whitwill
129 John Vernor
130 Cornelius Noble
131 Allen Durant
132 James Green
133 Jacob Roſeboom
134 Andrew Doun
135 And^{w}. Aitken
136 Henry Tremper
137 Chris^{n}. A Yates
138 Jno. T Wendell
139 Joſeph Driſkill
140 Joſeph Perry
141 Richard Lloyd
142 John W Truax
143 Thos Weeks
144 W^{m}. Stacy
145 W^{m}. White
146 Joſiah Faſsendon

147 James R Reid
148 Michael Gilbert jun^{r}.
149 Jacob Tremper Junr
150 John Maynard
151 John Smith
152 Timothy Marſh
153 John Mechams
154 Saml. Burnham
155 James Davis
156 Stephen Carter
157 An^{d}. H Tracy
158 Francois Chandonet
159 Noah Nichols
160 Saml. Flower
161 Donald Campbell
162 Luke Day
163 Saml. Buffinton
164 John Chipman
165 Charles Colton
166 Jabez Snow
167 Aſa Coburn
168 Elijah Day
169 Jeduthun Baldwin an
170 Thomas Thomſon
171 William Dewitt
172 Tunis Van Wagener
173 Abraham Saliſbury
174 Peter Van Bergan
175 Joſeph Lewis
176 John Hughes
177 William Baker
178 Benjn. C. Dubois

179 Gilb^{t}. R. Llvingſton
180 Gideon King
181 George White
182 Job Colton
183 Saml. Lewis
184 Alex^{r}. King
185 Farrant Putnam
186 Thos^{s}. Reed
187 Thos. Campbell
188 Fran^{s}. Hanmer
189 Coonrod Iſtine
190 Danl. Kindall
191 Lean^{d}. Blecker
192 John Thompſon
193 Othniel Phelps
194 John Waldron
195 Benjn. Ray.
196 Abijah Hammard J^{r}.
197 Jacob C Schermerhorn
198 Eliſha Crane
199 Benjamin Hanks
200 Thos. Tolman
201 Ge^{o}. Smyth
202 Jac Winney
203 John W Schermerhorn
204 Wheeler Douglaſs
205 Samuel Ruſsell
206 Jared Root
207 Eleazer Grant
208 Benjn Andrews
209 Solomon Lathrop
210 George Wales

211 Joſiah Spinners
212 James Eaſton, Junr.
213 Theod^{r}. V. W. Graham
214 Lemuel Stewart
215 Joſiah Reed
216 Willm. Van Injen
217 David Noble
218 Same^{l}. Sloan
219 Corn^{s}. Lynde
220 Gideon Deniſon
221 Gerrit Staats
222 Rob Troup
223 James Ellice
224 Jere Hubbard
225 John Darling
226 Thomas Gilbert
227 Peter B. Ten Broeck
228 John Yoot
229 Iſrael Jones
230 James Denniſton
231 George Reab
232 Lyman Hitchcock
233
234 John Bacheller
235 Ebenezer Darling
236 Daniel Green
237 John Noyes
238 S Jno. Honrywoode late of St. George's lodge Schenectady
239 James Barclay
240 Caleb Benton
241 Samuel Carpenter

242 Saml. Wheeler
243 Beriah,, Palmer,,
244 Samuel Guthrie
245 John Fiſh
246 Joſeph Pones
247 Joſeph Row
248 Coon^{s}. Vanden Bergh
249 Harmanus N Cuyler
250 Eliſha Dorr, withdrew Nov 17th, 1795
251 George Brown
252 John P Brandel J^{r}.
253 Henry Van Wie
254 John Broſs
255 Mynd Veeder
256 Mynd^{t} V Norren Jun
257 Jno. Schoolcraft Junr.
258 Jonathan Hilton
259 James Dunlap
260 Rynier Veeder
261 Charles Newman
262 Ch^{s}. Beekman
263 William Whitney
264 Johan^{s} Dritz
265 John Blomendall
266 Daniel Pohlman
267 John Williams
268 J. S. Webb
269 Peter Ballard
270 Giles W. Porten withdrawn
271 Cheſter Goodall
272 Amos Seward
273 John Searls

No.	Subſcribers to ye Bye-Laws con'd.	Entered 1794.	Paſsed 1794	Raieſd 1794
274	Seth. C. Baldwin	January 14th	Feb'y 13th	March 3d
275	George Allen	March 24th		
276	John Tibbals	May 6	June 3d	Sept. 9th
277	Benjamin Waldron	May 20th	June 3d	Nov. 18th
278	John Barry	June 17th	June 23d	Dec 26th withdrawn
279	Garrit F Van Allen	June 17th	June 23d	July 29th
280	Henry Steward	Admitted a	Member	Aug 12th '94
281	M. G. Woudin	Admitted a	Member	July 2d '94
282	Trulove Boonethis	Sept 23	Oct 6th	Octr. 21st
283	Jacob Pholman	Oct 6th	Nov 4th	Dec. 26th
284	W. Vieen	Nov 4th		
285	Wm De Wolfe	Admitted a	Member	Nov 4th
286	John Hooker	Dec 10th	Dec 27th, 1794	Feb'y 2d, 1795
287	Francis Follet	Dec 30th 1795	March 16th 1795	1795
288	Paul Wrankſtraſson	Jan'y 13th		
289	Jn°. Brigan	Jan'y 26th	Febr'y 9th	Febr'y16th
290	Thomas Caſsety	Feb'y 24th		
291	David Kindal	Feb'y 2d	March 9th	
292	Lindal Briggs	Admitted a	Member	Dec 26th 1794
293	Ezra Ames	Admitted a	Member	Dec 30th 1794, w'drew Nov 17th 1795
294	Auguſtus Thorp	April 1ſt 1795	May 18th 1795	1705
295	Benjn. Aikins Junr.	April 13th 1795		
296	William Fowler	Withdrawu		
297	Gid^{n}. Fairman	Sept 22d	Nov. 17th	Dec 1ſt
298	Solomon Southwick	Jan 26th 1796	March 8th 1776	March 22d 1796
299	Levi Pitkin	Jan 26th 1796	March 8th 1796	April 5th
300	Abijah Smith	Aug'ſt 8		

No.	Subſcribers to Bye-Laws.	Initiated 1795.	Craſted 1795.	Raiſed 1795
301	James Brooket	Nov 30th		
302	Jacob A Slingerland	10th Jan'y 1797	Paſsed & Raiſed	Feb'y 4th 1800
303	Sam[l]. Carpenter	March 21ſt 1797	February 6th 98	
304	Jared Winne J[r].	March 21		
305	Corne[s]. E. Yates	1 May 1790	Dc 4th	May 4th
306	Peter Fryer	Jan'y 23d 1800	Expelled	
307	Benj. Van Benthuſen	Jan'y 23d 1800	Withdrawn	
308	Ja[s]. Van Benthuſen	Jan'y 23d 1800	Withdrawn	Feb'y 4th 1800
309	Benj[n]. Olmſted	Feb'y 4th 1800	diſcontinued	21ſt July 1801
310	Dan[l]. Wells	Jan'y 8th 1806	Paſs'd Feb'y 4th	
311	Jonathan P Brooks	March 4	Withdrawn	30th June 1801
312	Dan[l]. Ward	Dc. 25th		
313	Wm. W. Back	April 27th 1800	Removed	out of ſtate
314	G. D. Gorry			
315	James Daniel			
316	Iſrael Ranſom	Jan'y 20th 1801		
317	Joſeph M. Elmore	As an E. A. P.		
318	John V. N. Yates	20th January, 1801		Withdrawn
319				
320	Patrick Duff	Withdrawn		
321	Daniel Steele	13 February		
322	Thody Abbot	7 Feb'y	diſcontinued	30 June 1800
323	Truman S Wetmore	17th March	diſcontinued	
324	Tim[a]. Shaler	1ſt June 1801	withdrawn	
325	Amos Barnum	7th July 1801		
326	George Hanze	21ſt July 1801		
327	Hug Ward	20th October 1801		
328	David Bright			

329 Conrad Auchamback 25th Nov. 1801
330 C. Hertoll Dec 1st 1801
331 Iſaac Hanſen 28th Dec 1801
332 Geo F Abbot 11th Jan^{ry}. 1803
333 Chris C Yates 27th Dec 1802
334 Peter G Waldron 18 Jan^{r} 1803
335 Eph^{m} Hunt 18 Jan^{ry} 1803 — dead
336 Caleb Pierſon (diſcharged) 18th Jan 1803
337 John Macauly 5th April do
338 John Todd 24 May 1803 Dead
339 Ranſom Rathbun November 4th 1803
340 Bultor Gilbert Jur — do — do —
William Ward } Jan'y 3d 5804 withdrawn
Hugh Ward }
John S Miller } Initiated Dec 3^{d} 1805
Obadiah Yates }

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OF

UNION LODGE

Adopted on the First Tuesday in April 1806—5806.

Chris C Yates Master
John Macauly S. W

James Barclay Trea[s]
Dan Steele Sec'y
James Daniel
Obadiah Yates
John S Miller

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OF

MOUNT VERNON LODGE,

ORDAINED UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF

JOHN VERNOR, Master; JOHN V N YATES, Senior Warden, and JAMES GIBBONS, Junior Warden. 7th April 1806.

MEMBERS NAMES.

John Vernor 12 July 1810 withdrawn, dead
James Gibbons 27 Dec^er^ withdrawn dead
David Bromlee 19th Dec^m^. 1811 withdrawn dead
Owen Burns absconded
Johnston Dalyel absconded
Peter J Waldron withdrawn dead
James McKeen withdrawn
Peter D Threehouse withdrawn 27th Ap 1809
James Nairne absconded
E. A. Le Breton withdrawn 27th Dec
Daniel Ward dead
William Skinner
Charles Newman withdrawn
Samuel Payn withdrawn
W^m^. Purviss absconded
James Scorymser dead
Samuel Thomas absconded
John Vernor J^r^ withdrawn dead
Peter M^c^Nab Dead
Ezra A Allen absconded
Thomas Wright Stanton dead

dead		Peter Hardenburgh Dont attend
dead		Th°. Beekman withdrawn
dead		Benjn. Goodrich Dont attend
dead		Eph^{m}. Howard Dont attend
		Hespl Brower dead
		Abr^{am}. Sickels 1807
		Thos. Jones absconded
		Barnerd Coivey absconded
		John Bishop withdrawn Jany 20th. 5814
1807		
Decm^{b}.	23.	Patrick Matthews p^{d} disased
	25	Samuel Swascy p^{d} dead
1807		
January	7th.	Thos. Dawson p^{d}
dead		John Cassidy p^{d}
Withdrawn		Geo Hewson dead p^{d} 12 July 1810 withdrawn
dead		James Ludd dead
dead		James McElroy Ju^{r} p^{d} Decea'd
Sept.	6	Hugh Flyn. p^{d}. withdrawn
"	6	Hamilton Patterson absconded
October	20th	Hatrick Glen, 12 July 1810 Withdrawn
Nov^{b}	3^{d}	Garvin Patterson absconded
Withdrawn		Samuel edgean 12 July 1810
Withdrawn		James Croved 12 July 1810
dead		Jn°. Mahu left the city
Dec	15	James McMurry 12 July 1810 withdrawn, dead
1808		
Dec^{r}	15	John Kearney dead
"	20	Samuel McMurray dead
"	"	William Murray dead
1809		
June	23	W^{m}. Blanchard Paid
		David Russell Ju^{r} dead

	Ew^{d} Morgan absconded Still a Member
	Thomas Doyle dead
dead	Patrick McKay withdrawn Ap^{r} 16th 5812
1809	
Decr 21st	Isaac Vanbuskeack dead
dead	Daniel Seykles with^{n} Jan'y 20th 5814
	Christian Nellis dont attend
	James Daveurry absconded
	Richard Falls withdrawn
1810	
March 1st	James Spanipel P^{d} dead
	Thos Segrave absconded
1810	
March 1st	Birnard O'Conner paid with^{n} June 4th 1813
Oct 18th	John Thikill dont attend dead
	John Turner withdrew 16 Jan'y 1812
Nov 1st	Henry Sedum
	Enock Smith
1811	
Febr'y 21	Gliakim Ford withdrawn Dec 17th 5812
Febr'y 21	William Ward
1811	
March 6	Casper Jones dead
April 4	Eben^{r} Wright
Sept. 19	David Jones Don't attend
dead	William Kerney
1812	
dead	Patrick Heeter
dead	David Houghton 5th Dec^{m}. 1811
dead	D. S. Laney 5th Dece^{m}
dead	W^{m}. Esser 5th Dec^{m}
dead	Johalive Nye Withdrawn June 17th 1813
dead	Coleman Clark 5 March

	Thomas Currier 5 March absconded
July9th1812	Zachevh Gahska Jan'y 20th 5814 withdrawn
Pd	Thomas Lockrow dead
dead	Samuel Smylie Decm 3d 5812 absconded
dead	John Turner Dec 3d 5812
	John Vernor Decm 17th 5812 dead
dead	John D. Fisher Feb'y 18th 5813
	William Newell Feby 18th
dead	James Prosser Feb'y 18th
dead	Patk Gallegher Feb'y 18th
dead	Silah Rily March 18th, Oct 17 withdrawn
	Henry Brooks June 28th 1813
	Franey Waracy June 28th 1813
Withdrawn	Samuel edgear Oct 21st. 5813
dead	Simon Toole November 4th 1813
	Daniel Daner Decr. 2d. 1813
	Charles Apprill Nov 1813
	Charles Hee Decm 16 5813
	Nathl. Fullington Jan'y 20th 5814
	Roy Jan'y 20th 5814
dead	Bernard O'Conner Dec 27th 5814
	Fitchm. Coy 3d Day Second mth 5814
	Merrit Riggs 3d Day Second Month, 5814
	Br. Crawford Deceast Feb'y 6th 1814
	Fredanny Dean Marc 3d 1814
	Sibraners Stanford April 21st 5814
	Ovid Pinney April 21st 5814
dead	Patrick McKay June 16 1814
dead	Hugh Bradford June 23d. 5814
	John Duvy June 23d 5814
	Thomas McGee Decr. 1st. 5814
	Thos. Rowlan Dec 15th. 5814
	Luke Gellen 15th. Decr. 1814

1815	
Jan'y 5th	John Ginter
" 18th	James McClenahan
March 15th	William Corry
dead	William Leer May 3d 5815
	Psfer Conwer July 5th. 5815
	David Demarest July 5th 5815
	Janes Winchester Octr 4th 5815
	John Pevney Oct 4th 5815
	Thos. Dawsor March 19th 5817
	Joseph Ludlow March 19th 5817
	Samuel edgear withdrawn
	Hugh Bradford withdrawn April 9th 5817
	Sherman Bosworth
	Philip Vanderlip
	Saml. D Chase
	John Butman Left (dead)
	James Jones Dead
	Dery Smith *Expelled*
Dead	Rishon Dunnan April 2d 5818
Left	John C Cabson April 2d 5818
dead	Henry H Gaffers April 16th 5818
dead	John Morison April 16th 5818
Withdrawn	Benjamin Heely Oct 1st 5818
Left	George C Watson Nov 20th 5818
dead	Peter J Van Wie March 4th. 5819
Gone South	James R Beard March 4th. 5819
	Alonzo Born June 3d 5819
removed	William Butler Feb'y 3d 5820
dead	Joseph Ketham
Withdrawn	Rufus Brown Dec 24th 5820 but still a member of Masters' Lodge; if that body exists! No. 2 is recently written, see By-Laws

removed	Mathew Ashe Jan'y 18th 5821
removed	James M Clure Jan'y 18th 5821
	Thomas Barber Feb'y 15th 5821
dead	William Deyermand second, Dec 19th 1821
dead	William A Deyermand Dec 19th 1821
	Henry A Williams, being an entered apprentice is not entitled to membership
Withdrawn	Pabert Swain Febr'y 6th 1822
dead	William L Tiffany Feb 6th 1822
Withdrawn	Charles Hewett Feb 7th 1822
Withdrawn	John F Bacon Feb'y 6th 1822
dead	Levi Wait Feb'y 12th 1822
	Josiah Winants, Feb'y 12th 1822
Withdrawn	Jacob J. Fort February 18th 1822
removed & dead	Joseph Palmer february 18th 1822
	Mathews Brown Feby 20th 1822
	Thos. Reynolds 20th 1822
	B. C. Allen 20th 1822
Withdrawn	W. V. Antwerp dead. do do
dead	Jacob Fredenrich 20th Feb'y 1822
left	Vurna Hempsted dead do do
removed	Ashbell S Nepter March 20th 1822
dead	Elihu Lewis March 20th 1822
	Joseph Russell } March 27th 1822
Withdrawn and dead	Curtis Manger } March 27th 1822
dead	John Seymour } March 27th 1822
	Oliver C Gracie } March 27th 1822
withdrawn	Gerrit Gates March 27th 1822
left dead	Wm. Mitchell March 29th
	B Potter

left	Wm. S. V. Hills } Apl. 3d 1822
withdrawn	Jno. F Vernor }
left	S. V. Wemple Do
withdrawn	Silas Walker Apl. 17th 1822
withdrawn	David Nash Aprl. 24th 1822
withdrawn	Dexter Brown May 1st 1822
left	George Bond June 19th 1822
removed	John Whiting Nov 13th 1822
removed	John Reep Nov 26th 1822
left	Benj Tallige Do
withdrawn	N. W. Ryckman Nov 26, 1822
	Amos Adams Oct 22d 5822
removed	Peter Stewart Apl. 22d 1822
removed, Troy	Abel W Wilgus Decm. 11th 1822
dead	Geo. W. Young do do
left	William McDugall do do
	Samuel Stiles April 2d 1823
dead	James Pemper Feb. 19, 1823
dead	Daniel M Glashars March 19, 1823
	Edward B Child March 19, 1823
dead	Benjamin Kivalin March 19, 1823
withdrawn	John Cutler April 16, 5823
left	Ruben Thompson May 28, 1823
withdrawn	Ebin. Wood June 4th 1823
dead Dec 1826	Samuel Webster June 20th 1823
	Welcome Esleech Nov 19th 1823
withdrawn	Elias Vanderlip Nov 19th 1823
dead	John A Vose Nov 19th 1823
	Jurtan Mortan Decr. 3d 1823 removed stricken off for non-pam't. of dues! Afterwards paid up
	Calvin Tapfer Dec 3, 1823. left the Lodge
removed	Joseph Martin Decr. 5, 5823

withdrawn	Christian K Shear Dec 15th 1823
withdrawn	James G. Mather Dec 17, —23
dead	John W Hyde Decr. 17, 5823
	Giles K Winne March 12th 5824
removed	Henry S. Donlevy March 12th "
withdrawn	John W Bay March 19th 5824
withdrawn	John S Smith March 19th 5824
left	Eli Perry Feb'y 7th 5824
	Elisha Wilcox Feby 7th 5824
Withdrawn	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten April 8th 5824
dead	Thos. Morgan Jr. May 10th 5824
	Thos. Silsby do do
left	Peter Smith do do
withdrawn	L. L. Solomons 14 July 5824
withdrawn, since dead	John B Swen Oct 20, 5824
withdrawn	Lansing G Taylor Oct 20th 5824
withdrawn	Robert Martin Oct 20th 5824
withdrawn	H. C Sloen Sept. 14th 5825
removed	Isaac Valana Sept. 14th 5825
removed	Harmin Visscher Sept 24th 5825
	Fredrice Poitre withdrawn Sept. 26th 5825
dead	John C Sickels October 5th 5825
dead	Isaac L Welsh Jan'y 4th 5826
	Hugh Johnston Jan'y 12th 5826
left	Russell Watts March 8th 5826
withdrawn	James Simister March 13th 5826
left	Hazael Kane March 13th 5826
dead	John Evestren March 13th 5826
	Jacob Swartzenburgh Nov. 8, 5826
	Jacob Henry Nov 3d 5826
withdrawn	James W Blackett Nov 16, 5826

dead	Erastus Young December 21st 1826
	Naadiah L Arny Dec 21 1826
withdrawn	Wm. O'Donnell Feb 1, 1827
left	Hiram Shaw Febr'y 15th 1827
left	Lawrence Conner Febry 19th 1829
left	William Thompson Feby 19th 1829
	Peter,, C,, Doyle March 20th 1834
	John W Crannell Do do
	Henry Salsbury do do
left	John Marning April 24, 1834
	L. G. Hoffman April 24th 1834
dead	Robt. Martin April 24th 1834
	Frances Malburn March 5th 5835
	George, M, Stevens March 5th 5835
	William Walter Dougherty March 5th 5835
	Robert H Burgess March 5th 5835
	James Maddix March 5th 5835
	Asaph Preston March 17th 5835
	Richard Parr March 19th 5835
	Ebenezer C Warner March 27th 1835
left	Ebenezer Perkins April 2d 1835
	Garrit T Brat April 16th 5835
	Abram Houg April 16th 5835
	John Owens April 16th 1835
dead	John Agnew April 16th 1835
	Alxr. Gray Nov. 19th 5835
	John Golden Decem. 3d 5835
	Hinery Smith Decr. 17th 5835
	William Connelly Decr. 17th 5835
	Benjn. Judson Dec 17th 5835
	Thos. B Ridder Do Do
	David Brockway Dec 17 1835

THE

BYE LAWS

OF

MOUNT VERNON LODGE

JANUARY 5836.

The following are the personal signatures of all the members of the Lodge, to the preceding by laws, with the dates of their becoming members of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3:

Robert Martin, Dead			
Benoni C Allen.			
L. G. Hoffman,	May	10	5832
William Walter Dougherty, removed	March	5	5835
Thomas Silsby,	May	10	5824
Richard Parr,	March	19	5835
John Owens, Dead	April	16	5835
Josiah Winants	Feb'y	12	5822
Ab^{m}. Sickels	Oct		5806
Peter C Doyle	March	20	5834
William Connelly withdrawn	Dec	17	5835
Jacob Anthony	Jan	21	5836
John Golden	Dec	3	5835
Patrick B Rooney	March	3^{d}	5836
Gerrit T Bratt	April	16	5835
Henry Keeler suspended 21st Jan'y 5841	March	3	5836

G. M. Stevens	March 5th	5835
P. Carmichael	July 21	5836
Edward B. Child	March 19	5823
Harry. Y. Webb J	November 17	5836
James Flood	November 17	5836
John McAuley	March 3	5836
George C Griffen	December 1st	5836
Nelson Barrell	December 9th	5836
Elias Van Derlip Jr.	Dec 15	5836
Welcome Esleeck	Dec 15	5836
John Hurdis	Jan'y 19	5837
William James	Jany 19th	5837
Reginah Kirkpatrick	Jan'y 19	5837
Friend Laurence	Feb'y 2d	5837
Thomas Watson	Feb'y 2	5837
O. M Tomlinson	March 16	5837
William Combe	April 25th	5837
Andrew McAuley	May 6th	5837
Isaac Winne, suspended 21st Jan'y 1841	May 18th	5837
Thomas his x mark Dutson	May 18th	5837
T. B. Ridder	July 6	5837
Russell M Hall	March 27	5837
John Hodge	October 5	5837
John Reed	Oct. 19	5837
D. A. Hawley	Nov 16	5837
Alxr Gray	Nov 16	5836
George Shook	Oct 19	5837
Alpheus L Lawrence	Oct 19	5837
Philip Van Derlip	April 20th	5837
F. A Pierson		

Pardon Earl
George Cooke from Gloucester England of Albion Lodge 107, 40 years
E. C. Warner suspended 21 Jan'y 5841
John Pochin
Benj Tullidge
Hugh Johnston
N. L. Arms

John S Cameron	February	15	1838
Amasa Monk	Feb'y	15	1838
Richard Bortle	March	22d	5838
David Callender	March	22d	5838
Henry Smith			
Robert Erwin	March	5	5838
George Field	Do		
Mathews Brown			
Anthony Partridge	May	24	5838
William Welsh	May	24	5838
Matthew Jordan	Oct	18th	5838
Daniel A Wells	Novb	1st	5838
Jas. K. Halladay	Dec	6	5838
William Mullen	Dec the	10	5838
Hiram Arnold	December	10	5838
L. S. Z. Gould	Dcm.	10	5838
Henry Cassidy	December	12	5838
Geo. S. Gibbins	January	17th	5839
Nicholas Youngman	Apl.	4	1839
John C Yates	April	25	5839
S. Van Vechten	"	"	"
George Graham	Decr.	5	5839
James McClellan	Feb'y	19th	5840
Thomas Stewart	March		5840
Michael McGuire	March	5	5840

David Booth	May	7th	5840
Eldad Worcester			
Timothy Heenan			
Solomon Drallard	Dec	3d	1840
James Perrin	April	15th	1841
Richard Lovell	April	15th	1841
John M Hughes, withdrawn March 3d	Jan	6	1842
Hugh x Johnson	March	17	1842
Thomas H Dobbs	March	21	1845
Wm. Wilson	May	7th	5846

Richard L Ross 32 years old
George Cooke 50 years old
Samuel Minster 36 years old
William A Wharton, 37 years
Mathew McLoughlin, 21 years and 6 months
George B Riggs 26 years
E. E. Kendrick 30 years
William Hirsch
Louis Spanier
Samuel W Harned
William Connelly
John Farr
J. N. T. Tucker, 35 years
G. A. Hartman, 32 years. Wetzlar Preussen Germania
E. M. Courtright 48 years
Robert McMurdy 26 years

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MOUNT VERNON LODGE.

W. A. Wharton, W. M
Thomas H Dobbs. Resigned 5th April 1855
Samuel Minster.
Alexr. Gray. Dead
William Headlam
Robert S McMurdy. Withdrawn
Geo. Graves. 7th March 1850. Dead
William Connelly. Dead
Richard Lovell.
Lewis Sporborg. 7th Nov. 1850 Dead.
Lysander A Orcutt. 16th May 1850.
Richard Parr.
L. G. Bancroft. 7th March 1850.
J. N. T. Tucker. Stricken from Roll Jan 5th 1855.
John L. Weatherwax. Oct 17th 1850. Stricken from Roll, Jan 5th 1855
William Gray
James Leonard Jan'y 2d 1851. Withdrawn
Hiram Livingston Feb'y 26th 1851. Withdrawn
Adolphus Marcus Feb'y 28th 1851. Demitted.

John Reed, stricken from Roll April 5th 1855
John McGoun March 13th 1851. Stricken from Roll.
G. V. N. Andrews. May 7th 1851. 42 years
John R. Taylor April 17th 1851. Dead
K. V. R. Lansing, Jr June 20th 1851 Age 27 years
Henry Squires. June 20th 1851. Age 27 years. Jan'y 5th 1855
Narcisse Remond June 20th 1851 " 37 Dead
Myer Stein August 7th 1851 " 29
S. Van Namee August 7th 1851 " 36 Stricken from Roll
Wm. W. Lappues Oct 16th " 49
Philip Van Allen Oct 16th " 30
Conrad Van Allen Oct 16th 1851 24
Henry Bendall Nov 6th 42 Dead
E. M. Courtright 51 Dead
J. O. Haight 45
Emery D. Collins. Stricken from Roll
Nelson W. Young. Jan. 28 32 Stricken from Roll
D. A. Hawley. Stricken off 50

Names.	Dates.
Jas. F. Crosby.	March 18th 1852.
Wm. W. Parker	" " " Demitted Jan'y 20th. 1868
George Cottingham	" " "
David Russell	May 20th 1852.

Milliam D Mahony	August	19th	1852.		
John C Roy	"	"	"		
Resigned					
Samuel Snyder	November	4,	1852		
Charles Neagele	December	2,	1852.		
Chas. H. Collins	"	16	1852.		
Wm. H. Courtright	March	17th	1853.		
Wm. Clandening	"	"	"		
C. W. Hendee	"	"	"		
Wm. U. Gregory	April	7	"		Died
July 16th. 1867					
M. L. Filkins	Nov	17th	1853		
Arthur Wilkinson	December	1st	1853		
Robert McConnell	"	"	1853		
Minor King	January	17th	1854		
Ira Betts	Feb	16th	1854		Raised
5th. May 1853.					
A. B. McLean	March	10th	1854		
Wendel Hillebart	"	"	"		
George Roraback	"	"	"		
V. Veeder	"	"	"		
Resigned. Fred Skeete	"	30	"		
			Aged.	32	years
John E Lockwood	"	"	"	21	"
Frank H. Little	April	20	"	22	"
withdrawn					
Lemuel M. Rodgers	1st. June		1854	29	
D. R. Cordell	"	"	"	32	Dead
A. M. Freeman	"	"	"	42	
S. B. Rider	Nov	2	"	24	
Henry Keeler	Jan'y	4	1855	52	
Hiram Arnold			1838	48	
Died March 17th. 1857					

David G Mallory	Jan'y	18	1855	Resigned	35
John H Bowne	"	"	"	Dead	32
Garrit T. Bradt	"	"	"		26
Ferdinand Weil	May	9	"		44
Edward H. Jones	"	"	"		32
Died Dec 17th 1867					
Welcom L Filkins	"	"	"	withdrawn	25
F. Le. Ro. Chapin	"	"	"	Do	29
Alfred Edwards	June	29th	1855,	stricken off	24
Jacob J. Deforest	June	29th	1855	Withdrawn	34
J. L. Crew,	June	29th	1855	Dead	35
Samuel Pecore	Nov	1st	"		39
Anthony M. Strong	May	31st	1855		47
T. J. Van Alstyne	Nov	19th	"		
R. C. Parks	"	19th	"		
Gilbert Rosenberg,	Died,	19	"		
Justin E. Dow	Dec	6th	"		22
Wm. Headlam Jr	April	3d	1856		21
Wm. P. Brayton	Jan'y	15	1857		42
J. B. Sturtevant	"	15	"		35
John M. Rowe	"	15	"		28
John B. Truman	"	15	"		23
D. H. Printup	April	2d	1857.	Dead	26
W. Quigley	"	"	"		44
Ransom Ballou Jr	"	"	"	stricken off	30
E. R. Pruyn	May	21st	"		27
George Porter	"	"	"		36
R. S. Cushman,	July	2d	"	Dead	43
David Skinner,	"	2d	"		29
David Anderson,	Oct	15th	"		24
John J. Jones,	"	15th	"		37
Lewis Brownell,	Dec				29
Jacob Visser,	Feb'y	18,	1858		25

Abram Lederer, " " " 37
L. J. Lloyd, Decr. 2^{d} " 46
W^{m}. Brown, " 2^{d} " Dead 43
F. W. Flagler, " 2^{d} " 34
David Apps, " 2^{d} " 35
R. W. Wooster, Feb'y 17th 1859 39
Died Jan'y 21st. 1871
C. McCammon, " " " 53
John Fonda, April 23 " 34
David Gribben, " " " 31
Harris Parr, May 6th 1852
J. R. Herrick, June 16th 1859 Aged 39 years
Ge^{o}. V. Thacher, June 16th 1859 " 33 "
Jacob Gunter, June 16th 1859 " 25 "
John D Servis, September 1st 1859 " 43 ".
Demitted.
Phineus Dicky, September 1st 1859 21 " Dead
Iram B More.
Andrew Weingardner, November 17th 1859.
Aged 25 years
C. H. Slater, " 17th " " 39 " Dead
Alonzo Bruce, " 17th " " 46 " Dead
Paul Cushman, " 17th " " 36 "
John McEwen, December 1st 1859 Aged 43
Elias W. Griffen, " 1^{sr} " " 30
Henry Fitch, " 1st " " 38
Augustus Bowers, February 6 1860 " 39
Borden H. Mills, " 6 1860 " 38
Charles Vandenburgh, March 19th Aj " 30
Ge^{o}. L Stedman April 18 " " 28
Isaac Esmay " " " " 49

John D Brown	"	"	"	" 21
Geo P Lynd	"	"	"	" 31
A. F. Chatfield	April 18	1860	Age 44	
Chas. G. Craft	April 16	1860	Age 30	
H. P. Wollabee,	April 16	1860	Age 30	
Robert Hardie,	Oct 15	1860	Age 31	
Daniel Doncaster,	Decr. 3d	1860	Age 36	
Wm. Quested,	Decr. 3d	1860	Age 38	
Chas. Daniels,	Jan'y 7th	1861	Age 34	
W. C. McKenzie,	March 18th	1861	Age 25	
A. B. Voorhees,	July 15	"	Age 40	
J. H. Ogsbury,	" "	"		
R. C. Davis,	" "	"		
R. S. Dumont,	Sept. 2d		Age 37	
E. Gebhard,	November 18th	1861	Age 23	
S. Hydeman,	January 6 1862		Age 25	
Isaac A Chapman,	March 16, 1863		"	
H Hanson,	March 16, 1863		"	25
Caleb Palmer,	March 16, 1863		"	34
Richard Vanderbelt,	March 16, 1863		"	34
Jesse Jones,	March 16, 1863		"	29

W. A. Munsell, June 15, 1863 Age 28 years
Henry Weed Churchill, 6th July 1863, 26 years old
Gipson T. Ostrom, 6th July 1863, 24 years old
George A. Cardwell, July 6th 1863 41 years.
Emil Hydeman, Oct 5, 1863, 24 years. Dead
L. L. Derby Oct 5, " 52 "
A. R. Livingston Dec 7, 1863, 22 "
W. B. Watson Dec 7, 1863 22 "
William H. Carter Feb. 15, 1864 25 "
Edward V. Filkins Feb 15, 1864 41 "
Geo. W. Schaffer April 4, 1864 23 "

Wm. J. Haight April 4, 1864 22 "
J. P. Eldridge May 2, 1864 36 "
Wm. H. Whish May 2, 1864 42
Bennett Vandecar May 2 1864 25
David S. Blair Oct 17th 1864 40
Wm. P. Griffen Oct 17 1864 28
Derrick C. Hayner Oct 17 1864 28
W. H. Greene Mch 1st 1864 35
Peter C Bouck. Adjoining member January 2d 1865. 27.
Geo. Knowlton Jan 5th 1865 Aged 22
R. H. Cozzens, Feb. 6th 1865 29
J. Whish, " " " 31
J. F. Rose, " " " 26
A. V. Bensen, " " " 22
Wm. Headlam Jr. Adjoining " 20th 1865 30
John Burt, " " " 55
Wm. L. Greenman. Adjoining " " " 29
Benj L Greenman. Adjoining " " " 26
Wm. H. Vanloon. 17 April 29
Wm. G. Thorburn, " " " 27
Charles C. Geller, " " 32
John D. Spence, " " 44
John Lomax, 29 May 35
William H. Mott, " " 38
C. F. Ainsworth, " " 30
Byron R. Palmer, " " 36
A. D. Woolsey, " " 23
Eugene D. Dimmick, 2 October 25
Daniel Connell 2 " 31
J. M. Young, 2 " 33
Wm. Richardson, Oct 16 '65 43 years
Richard Stack. Decr. 4 45 years

William Clandening. Jan'y 1, 1866 Adjoining 44 years
Edward Carter. Jan 15 1866 25 "
Albert Harrison Van Deusen. Feb'y 19th 1866 Age 23.
William Pendleton, " 19 1866 Age 23 years
James E. Robinson. April 16th 1866 " 25 years
H. W. Holder, " " " " 30 years
James M. Atwood, " " " " 29 years
D. W. Seeley. Adjoining " " " " 45 years
E. M. PARKER June 4 1866 " 30 years
Daniel Baer June 4 1866 " 37 years
Lloyd Canaday, June 4 1866 " 33 years
Volker Jewell June 4 1866 " 26 years
M. Bergeron, Oct 15 1866 " 56 years
Chs. Kerchner Oct 15th 1866 39 years
Joseph F. Umpleby, Dec 3 1866 29 years
Chas. S McEntee, Dec 3 1866 26 "
G Van Valkenburgh, Dec 3 1866 25
Avery Herrick, Feb'y 4, 1867 44 "
Edward Bostock, Feb'y 4, 1867 29 "
Levi Lefler, Feb'y 4, 1867 23
James Orchard, Feb'y 4, 1867 39
E. A. Sutliff, Feb'y 4, 1867 46
A. M. Rose. Adjoining April 15, 1867 34
Geo. T Stevens April 15, 1867
J. F. Breakenridge April 15, 1867
G. W. Schell, recd. 2 & 3 degrees in Roman Lodge No. 423. 26
James Healey June 3, 1867 " 32
Saml. T Thorburn June 3 1867 39
Benjamin Lodge June 3 1867 50

Charles F Whish	June 3 1867	30
Wm. H. Shoemaker	June 3 1867	23
Orville B. Tiffany	June 15, 1868	27
Samuel B. Belding	June 15, 1868	21

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OF

MOUNT VERNON LODGE

No. 3,

Of Ancient York Masons.

ALBANY, N. Y. A. L. 5867.

	Date of Admission.	Age.
Rowl[d] B. Lloyd	Oct 21, 1867	52
John V. B. Carter	Oct 21, 1867	38
Horatio P. Prime	Oct 21, 1867	28
Frank Watson	Nov 2, 1867	37
Joseph Z St. Cyr	Dec 2, 1867	25
Abram Hymeman	Dec 2, 1867	24
Marshall Tebbutt	Dec 2, 1867	47
David W Lawyer	Dec 2, 1867	54
George W Pinney	Jany 6, 1868	48
Jno. W. Towell	Jany 20, 1868	52
J. W. B. Vogel	March 16, 1868	33
A. L. Lawrence	April 20, 1868	59
R. Rortle	April 20, 1868	54
Henry Graham	April 20, 1868	33
William G. Young	Oct 5, 1868	28
W[m] S. Boardman	Nov 2, 1868	30
Arthur E. Settle	Nov 2, 1868	23
Lewis G. Hoffman	Dec 21, 1868	68

	Date of Admission.	Age.
Maximilian Frankel	Dec 21st 1868	25
Stephen E Miller	Dec 21 1868	38
O. B. Tiffany	June 15, 1868	27
S. B. Belding	June 15, 1868	21
John Hamilton	Jany 13, 1869	38
Geor. N. Cuyler	March 15, 1869	30
Andrew Hoffman	April 5, 1869	42
Benjamin Webber	Sept. 20, 1869	36
Olof F. Nelson	" 20, 1869	27
A. M. Michael	Nov 15, 1869	25
Henry P. Tracy	Dec 6, 1869	30
Gilbert H. Gay	Dec 6, 1869	23
James Martin	" 20, 1869	23
Rufus Merrihew	" 20, 1869	38
John Ham	Feb 21, 1870	38
Henry L. Smith	March 21, 1870	25
M. W. Macomber	April 4, 1870	40
Thos. Dobbs	April 4, 1870	41
W. G. Lloyd	June 6, 1870	34
August Brandau	June 6, 1870	38
John A. Marlow	June 6, 1870	25
James K. Reynolds	June 6, 1870	23
William Quinton	signed by law June 6, 1870	
Robert Thompson	Oct 3, 1870	31
Henry W. Harrison	Nov 17, 1870	25
Jesse B. Wooley	Nov 17; 1870	37
John Gribben	Nov 17, 1870	34
Charles H. Shaver	Nov 17, 1870	26
James E. Allanson	Jany 16, 1871	24
Edward J. Boughton	Jany 16, 1871	23
A. L. Lawyer	Jany 16, 1871	31
Aaron Palmateer	Feb 20, 1871	38

	Date of Admission.	Age.
John M. Derby	March 20, 1871	35
Jacob L. Lochner	March 20th 1871	35
Isaac J Griffeth	March 20, 1871	31
Chas B. Hutchins	June 19, 1871	34
Lyman P Brown	June 19, 1871	30
Henry George	June 19, 1871	25
J. Charles Kanzelmeyer,	Dec 4, 1871	22
Levi H. Kaufman,	Dec 4, 1871	24
Wm J. Ward,	Dec 4, 1871	23
Benj Strasser,	Dec 4, 1871	23
W. W. Breakenridge,	Dec 4, 1871	24
Nathaniel C. Moak,	Feb 5, 1872	38
C. H. Van Aernam,	April 15, 1872	21
J. B. Keith,	June 4, 1872	38
Harry Edwards,	Oct 7, 1872	37
Alfred Trayler,	Dec 2, 1872	33
W. C. Van Pelt	Dec 16, 1872	33
Wm H Murray,	Jany 20, 1873	27
Wm Neville,	Jany 20, 1873	26
Ferdinand Weil,	Feby 4, 1873	65
Eugene Duncan,	April 21, 1873	28
Charles C Gould,	April 21, 1873	32
Edw Nelson,	June 2, 1873	27
Richard Opie	July 7, 1873	24
Joseph W. Yorke	July 7, 1873	28
Edwin Barnard	Jan'y 5, 1874	23
W. H. Randal	Jan'y 5, 1874	
John Bechtel	Jan'y 5, 1874	33
John Bailly	May 2, 5864	32
John J Gallup	Octr 23, 5857	41
Jacob G. Clow	Ap 7, 5862	42
Jabez B Dexter	Ap^r 5, 5851	45

	Date of Admission.	Age.
Thomas Macdonald	March 2d 5874	30
Theodore F Allsheskey	March 2d 5874	33
John Opie	March 2d 5874	28
Peter Wagner	March 2d 5874	31
Reuben H Bingham	Jan'y 24th 5851	23
Wm. N. Strong	April 5th 1849	32
Andrew Dickey	April 20th 5874	44
Robert Harner	April 20th 5874	49
W. R. Hotaling	April 20th 5874	36
John Furguson	May 4th 5874	61
C. B. Borst	May 4th 5874	45

Names of Members (i e) paid dues in Lodge, and Lodge paid Grand Lodge Dues for, but never signed the By Laws.

[Taken from Description Book.]

James Jenkinson	July 3 5845
D. M. Dombroskii	May 20 5847
Charles Chapman	Jan'y 20 5848
Albert F Hansins	Jan'y 20 5848
Otto Heinsius	Jan'y 20 5848
Daniel Sabin	March 16 5848
Charles M Rodgers	April 6 5848
Jonathan Ridgeway	June 3 5848
Eebenezer Wright	June 3 5848
Wm Stephens	Jan'y 4 5849
Alonzo Crosby	Jan'y 4 5849
John K Diell	Jan'y 4 5849
Stephen Rodgers	March 15 5849
Robert I. Grant	April 19 5849

S. W. Hammond	Dec 8	5849
William Ellis	June 20	5850
John Wright	July 5	5850
Peter Smith	Jan'y 16	5851
Alexander Main	April 3	5851
Edward Northing	April 15	5851
David Booth	June 19	5851
Pascal P Brooks	Dec 18	5851
Gilbert Ullman	March 6	5852
Henry Smyter	May 20	5852
Thomas W Van Alstyne	Nov 19	5855
C. R Lee	March 20	5856
Stephen C. Kellan	Oct 23	5857
Jacob Fredenrich	July 7	5859
Abram Shuler	April 16	5860

OFFICERS.

Your committee are not in possession of any list of officers except at the institution of the Lodge (5765) later than the commencement of this list, A L 5800.

The minutes of the first communication of Union Lodge N°. 1, of the City of Albany, N. Y., in possession of your committee was held 19th September 1800, as extra communication! They represent as officers:

Peter W Yates	Mast
John A Lansing	S W
Peter Fryer	J. W
John Barry	Secry
Stoffl Bakeman	Tr

Officers Elected 25th *December* 1800!

Peter W Yates	Master
Peter Fryer	S. Warden
Benjn V Benthusen	Jur Warden
John Barry	Secry
James Barclay	Treasu
James V B Thusen	Senr Deacon
Bena. Omsted	Junr Deacon
James Daniel & Garret Degarmo,	Stewarts
Benja Whipple	Tyler

Officers Elected 15th *Dec*^{r} 1801

Peter W Yates	Master
James Barclay	Senr Warden
Jno V. N. Yates	Junr Warden
T. V. W. Graham	Treasurer
Cornelius Huttell	Secretary
James Dunlap	Senr Deacon
Br^{o} Steel	Junr Deacon

Officers Elected December 26th 1802.

C. C. Yates	Master
George F Abbot	S. W
D Steel	J. W
C Huttell	Sec^{y}
T. V. W. Graham	Tre^{a}.
James Daniels	S. D
George Haws	J. D

Officers Elected December 20th 5803

Peter Fryer	Master
John V. N. Yates	S. W
James Dunlap	J. W.
Edward S Willett	Sec^{ry}
John Mcaully	Trea
Butler Gilber	S. Deacon
Ransom Rathbun	J. D

The election of the officers of December 20th 5803 (according to the minutes of December 26th 5803) appears to have been irregular, and at an

irregular communication (St. John's Eve) December 26th 5803, the Lodge by unanimous vote call'd P. M. Peter W. Yates to preside, when the following officers were irregularly elected for the ensuing year :

P. W. Yates	Master, unanimously
C. C. Yates	S. Warden unanimously
J. Macaully	J. Warden unanimously
C. Huttell Secry unanimously, except one vote	
D. Steel Treasurer unanimously, except one vote	
S. Tymeson	S. Deacon Unanimously.
R. Rathbun	J. Deacon Unanimously.
John Todd	Tyler Unanimously.

The regular communication of the Lodge came on the 20th, and not on the 26th, as the Yates party made the minutes show. All elections did not show that the 26th (St. John's Eve) was the regular election night of the Lodge, under the Provincial warrant, as was claimed by the Yates party. It appears, also, on the minutes, that the election of the 20th was held by the brethren who were in favor of working under the warrant of the Grand Lodge, and the election of the 26th by the brethren who were in favor of working under the Provincial warrant of February 21st, 5765. These two elections, in one month, divided the Lodge in two parties! One a Grand Lodge party, with Bro. Peter Fryer as the head, and the other an Anti-Grand Lodge party, with Bro. Peter W. Yates as the head. The following will show which of the two par-

ties were recognized by the Grand Lodge. According to the minutes dated Union Lodge May 1805, it is shown that Br°. Peter Fryer appealed to the Grand Lodge, and protested the election of the officers of December 26th 5803, which protest was sustained by the committee of the Grand Lodge, and the officers of December 20th 5803 were duly elected! At this date the minute book is mutilated by portions being torn out! All actions from May 5805 to December 26th 5805 are lost by mutilation, therefore there is no farther information on the subject.

Officers Elected December 26th 1804

John Macauly	Master
Christ C Yates	S. W
Sebastian Tymeson	J. W
Corns Huttell	Sect'y
T. V. W. Graham	Treas
Hugh Ward	S. Deacon
Dani Steele	J. D
John Jones	Tyler.

Officers Elected December 26 1805.

C. C. Yates	M
J. Macauly	S. W
J. S. Miller	J. W
D. Steel	Sect'y
J Barclay	Treas
G. F. Abbot	S. D
H. Ward	J. D
John Jones	Tyler.

Officers Elected December 16th 5806

Christopher C. Yates	Master
John Macauly	Senior Warden
James Daniel	Junior Warden
James Barclay	Treasurer
Daniel Steele	Secretary
John S Miller	Senior Deacon
Obadiah Yates	Junr Deacon
John Jones	Tyler

A portion of the minutes of 5806, all the minutes of 5807, and 5808 to September 15th, which contained the records of the Lodge, have been torn from the minute book, consequently there is no record of the changing of the name of the Lodge from Union to Mount Vernon, or who were the officers of the Lodge. The last communication of the Lodge under the name Union Lodge was held Jan'y 6th 5807. And the first communication under the name of Mount Vernon Lodge was held September 15th 5808, the officers at that communication were ! (According to minute books.) *See History.*

Officers 1807, *and named in the warrant of* 1806.

John Vernor	Master
James Gibbons	S. Warden
James McKeon	J Warden
W. M.	Vernor
S. W.	McKeon
J. W	Payn
Mathews	Sect'y
Ward	D

The minutes do not show that an election of officers was held in December 5808, although January 5th, 5809, the following officers were installed!

Brother Cassidy	Master
Brother McKeon	Senior Warden
Brother Skinner	Jur. Warden
Brother Brombee	Treasurer
Brother Ward	Senior Deacon
Brother Sickles	Junr Deacon
Brothers Dawson & Egar,	Stewarts
Br Sturges	Tyler

Officers Elected December 21st 5809.

John Cassidy	Master
William Skinner	Senior Warden
Gowin Patterson	Junior Warden
D Brombee	Treasurer
Bro Mathews	Secretary
Bro Ward	Senior Deacon
Bro Abraham Sickles	Junior Deacon
Bros Lancy & Brower	Stewards
Brother Samuel McMurray,	Master of Ceremony.
Bro Sturges	Tyler

Officers Elected December 20th 5810

John Cassidy	Master
William Skinner	Senior Warden
Abraham Sickels	Junior Wardan
James Swasey	Secretary
David Brombee	Treasurer

John Shirkel	Senior Deacon
Br° Howard	Junior Deacon
Bro^s Ward & Turner	Stewards
B^r Buskirk	Master of Ceremony
Isaac Sturges	Tyler

Officers Elected December 19th 1811

Jn° Cassidy	Master
D^l Laney	Se^r Warden
Ja^s. V. Buskirk	Ju^r Warden
Wm Epes	Secret'y
Wm Skinner	Treasurer
Ichabod Nye	Sr Deacon
Wm Murry	Ju^n Deacon
Eb^n Wright and Wm Ward	Stewards
Isaac Sturges	Tyler

Officers Elected December 17th 1812

John Vernor	Master
A. Sickels	Senior Warden
J. V. Buskirk	Junior Warden
Wm Skinner	Treasurer
Wm Epes	Secretary
Wm Murry	Senior Deacon
E. Wright	Junior Deacon
Z. Gálusha & J. Turner	Stewards
I. Sturges	Tyler

Officers Elected December 16th 5813

Denis Laney	Master
E. Wright	Senior Warden
Daniel Dana	Junior Warden
Charles Lee	Secretary
Wm Skinner	Treasurer
Thomas Lockrow	Senior Deacon
Bro Morgan	Junior Deacon
James Prossen & Br Gataker,	Stewards
John Turner,	Master of Ceremony
Wm Newell	Tyler

The minutes from January 20th 5814 to December 19th 5827 are missing! But obtained the following list of officers from the Grand Lodge records.

Officers 1814.

Dennis Lancey	Master
Ebez Wright	S Warden
Daniel Dana	J Warden

Officers 1815

Dennis Lancey	Master
Hugh Bradford	S. Warden
John Ginter	J. Warden

Officers 1816. No Record.

Officers 1817

William Epes	Master
Silvanus Stanford	S Warden
Abram Sickles	J. Warden

Officers 1818

William Epes	Master
Silvanus Stanford	S Warden
Abram Sickles	J Warden

Officers 1819. No Record.

Officers 1820

Welcom Eselack	Master
James Hunter	S Warden
Robert Swain	J Warden

Officers 1821

Welcom Eselack	Master
James Hunter	S Warden
Robert Swain	J. Warden

Officers 1822

Welcom Eseleck	Master
James Hunter	S Warden
Robert Swain	J Warden

Officers 1823

Welcom Eseleck	Master
James Hunter	S Warden
Robert Swain	J Warden

Officers 1824

Welcom Eseleck	Master
James Hunter	S Warden
Robert Swain	J Warden

Officers 1825

James Hunter	Master
John Seymour	S Warden
Robert Martin	J Warden

Officers 1826

James Hunter	Master
Danies McGlashen	S Warden
Thomas Silsby	J Warden

Officers Elected December 20th 5827

Daniel McGlashen	Master
Thomas Silsby	Senior Warden
E. B. Childs	Junior Warden
A. Sickles	Treasurer
Eli Perry	Secretary
John Evertson	S. Deacon
J. L. Welsh	J. Deacon
C. Higgins	Tiler

Officers Elected December 18th 1828

Daniel McGlashen	Master
Russell Watts	Senior Warden
John Evertson	Junior Warden
Abraham Sickles	Treasurer
Eli Perry	Secretary
Giles K Winne	S. Deacon
Jacob Henry	J. Deacon
Cornelius Higgins	Tyler

Officers Elected December 23d 1829

Daniel McGlashen	Master
John Evertson	S. W
Josiah Winants	J. W
A Sickles	Treas
Eli Perry	Sect
A. Adams	S. D
Jacob Henry	J. D
Cornelius Higgins	Tyler
Welsh & Conner	Stewards

The election that was to be on the 23d Dec. 1830 did not take place at that time. The minutes show that owing to the death of W. M. Daniel McGlashen the election of officers did not take place till the 17th of Febr'y, 1831, when the following officers were elected:

John Evertson	W. M
Josiah Winants	S. W
Amos Adams	J. W
Abr Sickles	Tres
Eli Perry	Sect
Lawrence Conner	S. D
Mathews Brown	J. D
Cornelius Higgins	Tyler
Winne & Welsh	Stewards
Br Winants	Trustee

Officers Elected December 22d 1831

Josiah Winants	Master
Amos Adams	S. W
B. C. Allen	J. W
Jacob Henry	Treasurer
Jacob Fredenrich	Secretary
Milen Battle	S. D
W. Conner	J. D
C. Higgins	Tyler

Officers Elected Decr 20th 5832.

Josiah Winants	W. M
Amos Adams	S. W
Benoni C Allen	J. W
Edmund B Child	Sect'y
Jacob Henry	Treas
Mathews Brown	S. D
Thomas Silsby	J. D
Cornelius Higgins	Tyler

Officers Elected December 19th 5833

Josiah Winants	W. M
Benoni C Allen	S. W
Mathews Brown	J. W
E. B. Child	Sect'y
Thomas Silsby	Treas
Alonzo Borne	S. D
John Cutler	J. D
C. Higgins	Tyler

Milen Battle and Hugh Johnson, Stewards

Officers Elected December 18th 1834

Robert Martin	W. M
Benoni C Allen	S. W
Peter C Doyle	J. W
Thomas Silsby	Treas^{r}
Henry Salisbury	Sec'y
Hugh Johnston	S. D.
John Cutler	J. D
Ab^{m} Sickles	P. S
C. Higgins	Tyler

Officers Elected December 17th 5835

Robert Martin	W. Master
B. C. Allen	Senior Warden
L. G. Hoffman	Junior Warden
W. W. Dougherty	Secretary
Thos Silsby	Treasurer
Richard Parr	Senior Deacon
John Owens	Junior Deacon
Abraham Sickles	Tyler
A. Preston R. H. Burgess	Stewards

Officers Elected December 15th 5836.

Welcom Esleeck,	W. M
Richard Parr,	S. W
Lewis G Hoffman,	J. W
Thomas B Ridder,	S. D.
Henry Smith,	J. D
Thos Silsby,	Treasurer
Peter Carmichael,	Secretary
Abraham Sickles	Tyler

Officers Elected December 21st 5837.

Welcom Esleeck,	W. Master
Elias Vanderlip	S. Warden
John Owen	J. Warden
Mathews Brown	Treasurer
L. G. Hoffman	Secretary
Richard Parr	S. Deacon
Wm Connelly	J. Deacon
Abram Sickles	Tyler

Officers Elected December 20th 5838.

L. G. Hoffman,	W. Master.
John Owen,	S. Warden.
Wm Connelly,	J. Warden.
John Hurdis,	Secretary.
Mathews Brown,	Treasurer.
Abram Sickles,	Tyler.
Richard Parr,	S. Deacon.
A. L. Lawrence,	J. Deacon.

Officers Elected December 19th 5839.

Lewis G Hoffman,	W. Master.
William Connelly,	S. Warden.
George S. Gibbons,	J. Warden,
John Hurdis,	Secretary,
Alexander Gray,	Treasurer,
Richard Parr,	S. Deacon.
James K Halliday,	J Deacon.
Abraham Sickles,	Tyler.
John Pochin,	Stewards.
A. L. Lawrence,	Stewards.

Officers Elected December 17*th* 5840.

Elias Vanderlip,	W. Master.
Richard Parr,	S. Warden.
Hiram Arnold,	J. Warden.
Solomon Drullard,	Secretary
Alexander Gray,	Treasurer.
A. L. Lawrence,	S. Deacon.
Thos. Stewart,	J Deacon
Br. Sickles	Tyler

Officers Elected December 16*th* 5841.

Richard Parr,	W. Master.
Hiram Arnold,	S. Warden.
Sol. Drullard,	J. Warden.
John M Hughes,	Secretary.
Alex Gray,	Treasurer.
Oliver M. Tomlinson,	S. Deacon.
Richard Lovell,	J. Deacon.
Abraham Sickles,	Tyler.

Officers Elected December 15*th* 5842.

Hiram Arnold,	W. Master
Solomon Drullard,	S. Warden
Oliver M. Tomlinson,	J. Warden.
Richard Lovell,	Secretary.
Alexander Gray	Treasurer.
Richard Parr	S. Deacon.
Elias Vanderlip	J. Deacon.
Abram Sickles	Tyler.

Officers Elected December 21st 5843.

J. M. Hughes,	W. Master.
L. G. Hoffman,	S. Warden.
R. Lovell,	J. Warden.
E. Vanderlip,	Secretary.
A. Gray,	Treasurer.
R. Parr,	S. Deacon.
Br°. Hawley,	J. Deacon.
A. Sickles,	Tyler.

Officers Elected December 19th 5844.

O. M. Tomlinson	W. Master.
John Hurdis	S. Warden.
Thomas B. Ridder	J. Warden.
E. Vanderlip	Secretary.
Alex. Gray	Treasurer.
L. G. Hoffman	S. Deacon.
Thomas Watson	J. Deacon.

Officers Elected December 18, 5845.

John Hurdis,	W. Master
Richard Lovell	S. Warden
James Jenkinson	J. Warden
E. Van Derlip	Secretary
Alexd Gray	Treasurer
Richd Parr	S. Deacon
Wm Gray	J. Deacon

Officers Elected December 17th 5846

Richard Lovell,	W. Master
James Jenkinson	S. Warden

Wm Connelly	J. Warden
Thomas H Dobbs	Secretary
Alexr Gray	Treasurer
Richard Parr	S. Deacon
Wm Gray	J. Deacon

Richard Lovell having declined to serve as Master of the Lodge, John D Willard M. W. Grand Master of the State of New York granted a dispensation to elect another master in his stead, which election was held January 13th 1847, when James Jenkinson was elected Master, and Elias Vanderlip elected Senior Warden in place Bro Jenkinson, advanced. W. Master Jenkinson made his appointments. When the officers for the ensuing were

James Jenkinson	Master
Elias Vanderlip	S Warden
Wm Connelly	J Warden
Thos H Dobbs	Secretary
Alexr Gray	Treasurer
Richard Parr	S Deacon
Wm Gray	J Deacon
John Pierce	Tyler
L. G. Hoffman	Masters of Ceremony.
William Wilson	
John Hurdis	Stewards.
R. L Ross	

Officers Elected December 16*th* 1847

Jas Jenkinson	Master
Wm Connelly	S. W
Wm Gray	J. W
Wm A. Wharton	Sect
Alexander Gray	Treas
Thomas H Dobbs	S. D
Samuel Minster	J. D
John Pierce	Tiler
E. Vanderlip	Master of Ceremony
M. Brown David Callinder	Stewards.

Officers Elected December 21*st* 1848

Wm Gray	Master
Wm A Wharton	S. W.
Thomas H. Dobbs	J. W
Richard Parr	Sect
Alexander Gray	Treas
E. M. Courtright	S. D
George B. Riggs	J. D
Henry Keeler E. C. Warner	Stewards
L. G Hoffman	Master of Ceremony

Officers Elected December 24*th* 1849

Wm A Wharton	Master
Thomas H Dobbs	S. W
Samuel Minster	J. W
Wm Headlam	Sect
R. S. McMurdy	S. D
J. K. Diell	J. D

Officers Elected December 19th 1850

Wm A Wharton	Master
Thomas H Dobbs	S. W
S. Minster	J. W
A. Gray	Treas
Wm Headlam	Sect
R. S. McMurdy	S. D
George Graves	J. D
Wm Connelly	Tiler.

Officers Elected December 18th 1851.

William A Wharton	Master
Samuel Minster	S. W
Wm Headlam	J. W
C. Van Allen	Sect
A. Gray	Treas
James Leonard	S. D
John McGowan	J. D
John Reid	Tiler

Officers Elected December 16th 1852

Wm A. Wharton	Master
S. Minster	S. W
Wm Headlam	J. W
C. Van Allen	Sect
A. Gray	Treas
W. D Mahoney	J. D
N. W. Young	S. D.
H. Parr	Stewards
W. H. Greene	Stewards

Officers Elected December 15th 1853

Wm A Wharton	Master
J. F. Crosby	S. W
M. L. Filkins	J. W
R Lovell	Sect
A. Gray	Treas
C. A. Neagle	S. D
W. D. Mahoney	J. D
W. N. Strong	Stewards
W. U. Gregory	Stewards
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler

Officers Elected December 21st 1854

J. F. Crosby	Master
C. W. Hendee	S. W
M. L. Filkins	J. W
Alexander Gray	Treas
R. Lovell	Sect
W. D. Mahoney	S. D.
A. Wilkinson	J. D
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler

Officers Elected December 20th 1855

James F Crosby	Master
Anthony M Strong	S. W
Alfred Edwards	J. W
Alexander Gray	Treas
R. Lovell	Sect
Gilbert Rosenburg	S. D
G. T. Bradt Jr	J. D
Lemuel M Rodgers	Stewards
Samuel Minster	Stewards
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler

Officers Elected December 18*th* 1856

James F. Crosby	Master
Thomas J Van Alstyne	S. W
Gilbert Rosenburg	J. W
Alexander Gray	Treas
Richard Lovell	Sect
G. T. Bradt Jr	S. D
Wm Headlam Jr	J. D
Wm Headlam	Stewards.
Lemuel M Rogers	Stewards.
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler

Officers Elected December 17*th* 1857

Thomas J Van Alstyne	Master
John B. Sturtevant	S. W
G. T. Bradt Jr	J. W
Richard Lovell	Sect
James F Crosby	Treas
John H Bowne	S. D
L. Brownell	J. D
Robert S Cushman	Stewards
William P Brayton	Stewards
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler

Officers Elected December 16*th* 1858

Thomas J Van Alstyne	Master
John B Sturtevant	S. W
R. H. Bingham	J. W
Richard Lovell	Sect
James F Crosby	Treas
Ranson Ballou	S. D

Lemuel M Rodgers	J. D
William P Brayton	Stewards
Lyman J Lloyd	Stewards
Thomas W Van Alstyne,	Marshal
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler

Officers Elected December 15th 1859

Thomas J. Van Alstyne	Master
David Printup	S. W
David Gribben	J. W
James F Crosby	Trea^{s}
R. Lovell	Sec^{t}
Seth B. Rider	S. D
Jacob Visser	J. D
Ruben W. Wooster	Masters of Ceremony
John Fonda	Masters of Ceremony
Iram B. More	Marshal
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler

Officers Elected December 17th 1860

Thomas J Van Alstyne	Master
Edward H Jones	S. W
Charles W Vandenburgh	J. W
James F. Crosby	Trea^{s}
Richard Lovell	Sec^{t}
George L Steadman	S. D
Jacob Visser	J. D
John Fonda	Masters of Ceremony.
Augustus Bowers	Masters of Ceremony.
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler

Officers Elected December 16th 1861

David Gribben	Master
Charles W Vandenburgh	S. W
Augustus Bowers	J. W
James F Crosby	Treas
Alfred F Chatfield	Sect
John Fonda	S. D
C. W. McKenzie	J. D
Edward Gebbard	Masters of Ceremony.
Harris Parr	Masters of Ceremony.
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler
George L Steadman	Marshal

Officers Elected December 15th 1862

Augustus Bowers	Master
John Fonda	S. W
Jacob Visser	J. W
James F Crosby	Treas
Alfred F Chatfield	Sect
Solomon Hydeman	S. D
Henry P. Wollabee	J. D
David Anderson	Masters of Ceremony.
William Quested	Masters of Ceremony.
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler
L. G. Bancroft	Marshal

Officers Elected December 21st 1863.

Augustus Bowers	Master
Caleb Palmer	S. W
Solomon Hydeman	J. W
James F Crosby	Treas

Alfred F. Chatfield	Sec^{t}
David Gribben	S. D
Henry W Churchill	J. D
Emil Hydeman	Masters of Ceremony
Richard Vanderbilt	Masters of Ceremony
Alonzo Crosby	Tiler
R. C. Davis	Chaplin
Levi L Derby	Marshal

Officers Elected December 19th 1864.

Charles W. Vandenburgh	Master
John Fonda	S. W
Alfred F Chatfield	J. W
James F Crosby,	Trea^{s}
Conrad Van Allen	Sec^{t}
William B Watson	S. D
George P Lynd	J. D
William H Carter	Masters of Ceremony
A. R. Livingston	Masters of Ceremony
Amza Fuller of Masters' Lodge N° 5	Tiler
Rubin W Wooster	Chaplin
Levi L Derby	Marshal
John B Marsh, of Masters' Lodge No 5	Organist

Officers Elected December 18th 1865

John Fonda	Master
Alfred F Chatfield	S. W
William B Watson	J. W
James F Crosby	Trea^{s}
Conrad Van Allen	Sect
William P Griffin	S. D.

A V. Bensen	J. D
John Lomax	Masters of Ceremony
William H Mott	Masters of Ceremony
Rubin W. Wooster	Chaplin

John B. Marsh, of Masters' Lodge N° 5 Organist

Thomas J Van Alstyne,	Marshal

Amza Fuller of Masters Lodge N° 5 Tiler

Officers Elected December 17th 1866

Alfred F Chatfield	Master
William B Watson	S. W
William P. Griffin	J. W
James F Crosby	Treas
Conrad Van Allen	Sect
John Lomax	S. D
William H Carter	J. D
Willliam H Whish	Masters of Ceremony
Charles McEntee	Masters of Ceremony
Rubin W Wooster	Chaplin
Lyman J Lloyd	Marshal

John B Marsh of Masters' Lodge N° 5 Organist

Amza Fuller of Masters' Lodge N° 5 Tiler

Officers Elected December 16th 1867

William B Watson	Master
John Lomax	S. W
William H Whish	J. W
James F Crosby	Treas
Conrad Van Allen	Sect
Edwin M Parker	S. D
Albert Harrison Vandusen	J. D.

Joseph F Umpleby	Masters of Ceremony
J. M. Atwood	
Rubin W Wooster	Chaplin
Charles W Vandenburgh	Marshall

John B Marsh of Masters' Lodge N° 5 Organist
Thomas Smyth of Ancient City Lodge N° 452 Assistant Organist
Amza Fuller of Masters' Lodge N° 5 Tiler

Officers Elected December 21st 1868

William B Watson	Master
John Lomax	S. W.
William H Whish	J. W.
James F Crosby	Treas
Conrad Van Allen	Sect
Edwin M Parker	S. D.
Albert Harrison Vandusen	J. D
Joseph F Umpleby	Masters of Ceremony
Gilbert Van Valkenburgh	
Charles W. Vandenburgh	Marshal
William S Boardman	Chaplins
Maxmilian Frankell	
Samuel B Belding	Organist

Thomas Smyth of Ancient City Lodge N° 452 Assistant Organist
Amza Fuller of Masters' Lodge N° 5 Tiler

Officers Elected December 20th 1869

John Lomax	Master
William H Whish	S. W
Edwin M Parker	J. W
Charles S. McEntee	Treas

Conrad Van Allen	Sec^{t}
Albert Harrison Vandusen	S D
William H Shoemaker	J D
Gilbert Van Valkenburgh	Masters of Ceremony
Horatio P. Prime	Masters of Ceremony
Maxmilian Frankell	Chaplin
Levi L Derby	Marshal
Samuel B Belding	Organist

Thomas Smyth of Ancient City Lodge N° 452 Assistant Organist

Amza Fuller of Masters' Lodge N° 5 Tiler

Officers Elected December 19th 1870

William H Whish	Master
Edwin M. Parker	S. W
Albert Harrison Vandusen	J. W
John Fonda	Treas
Conrad Van Allen	Sect
William H Shoemaker	S. D
Horatio P Prime	J D
A. M. Michael	Masters of Ceremony
W. G. Lloyd	Masters of Ceremony
Samuel B Belding	Organist

Thomas Smyth of Ancient City Lodge N° 452 Assistant Organist

Marshall Tebbutt	Chaplin
L L Derby	Marshal

Amza Fuller of Masters' Lodge N° 5 Tiler

Alfred F Chatfield	Lessee

Officers Elected December 18th 1871

William B Watson	Master
William H Shoemaker	S. W
Horatio P Prime	J. W
John Fonda	Treas
Conrad Van Allen	Sect
Augustus Bowers	S. D
W. G. Lloyd	J. D
Gilbert Van Valkenburgh	Masters of Cere-
Edward J Boughton	mony
Levi L Derby	Marshal
Samuel B. Belding	Organist
Thomas Smyth of Ancient City Lodge N° 452 Assistant Organist	
Marshall Tebbutt	Chaplin
Amza Fuller of Masters' Lodge No 5 Tiler	
Alfred F Chatfield	Lessee

Officers Elected December 16th 1872

William H Shoemaker	Master
Horatio P. Prime	S. W
Harry Edwards	J. W
John Fonda	Treas
Conrad Van Allen	Sect
Levi H Kaufman	S. D
Abraham L Lawyer	J D
Edward J Boughton	Masters of Cere-
Charles H Van Aernam	mony
Samuel B. Belding	Organist
Thomas Smyth of Ancient City Lodge N° 452 Assistant Organist	
Marshall Tebbutt	Chaplin

Augustus Bowers	Marshal
Amza Fuller of Masters' Lodge N° 5	Tiler
Alfred F Chatfield	Lessee

Officers Elected December 15th 1873

William H Shoemaker	Master
Horatio P Prime	S. W.
Levi H. Kaufman	J W
John Fonda	Treas
James E Allanson	Sect
Benjamin Strasser	S. D
A. M Michael	J. D
J. K. Reynolds	Masters of Ceremony
Charles H Van Aernam	Masters of Ceremony
Samuel B Belding	Organist
Thomas Smyth of Ancient City Lodge N° 452	Assistant Organist
William Fisher of Wadsworth Lodge N° 417	Tiler
Alfred F Chatfield	Lessee

March 2d 5874 it was

Resolved, To have the Lodge incorporated, when

Nathaniel C Moak, 1 year,
Alfred F Chatfield, 2 years,
Lyman J Lloyd, 3 years,

were elected trustees, according to the act of 1866 in relation thereto.

In the year 1869 the following brethren of Mt Vernon Lodge N° 3 resolved to furnish the Lodge with vocal music in addition to the beautiful music furnished by Br° S. B. Belding, organist.

R. Merrihew
H. W. Harrison
J. B. Wooley
E. M. Parker
B Lodge.
J. B. Keith } were added 1872.
Wm Neville }

These brethren have contributed much to make more than usually pleasant, the communications of this Lodge.

Your Committee, in drawing their labors to a close, desire to state that they found much that would be interesting to the members, but, as it was thought the lists of members and officers, and the changing of the name and number of the Lodge was most desired, they devoted most of their searching in that direction.

It may be well, however, and interesting to many, to know how much it cost in olden time to be made a Mason in our Lodge, and the amount they paid for dues, and how strict they were in collecting the same. For making, the fee was usually about £3, 4s., and a small fee to the Tiler, the 4s. being the petition fee, although at times it would be as high as £5, for making. Dues at one time were as high as 30s.

per quarter, and at another time as low as 31 cts. per quarter. They were usually regulated according to the demands for running the Lodge. The strictness for collecting the dues can be seen by the following. A brother who lived in Gibbons-Ville (now West Troy), was summoned to attend the Lodge at its next regular communication and pay his dues, 37½ cts.; to which summons the brother responded and paid the 37½ cents.

Your Committee tender many thanks to our Worthy Br° Thos P Way, Secretary of Temple Lodge, No. 14, for permitting, and assisting them in searching their old records to ascertain if any information could be obtained from them, relative to our Lodge, in those parts of the books where the reckless hands of the destroyer had laid waste a portion of our valuable records.

As an apparent contradiction appears on pages 51 and 111, the following *Special Notice* is deemed necessary :

Special Notice.—It is no doubt proper to state, that in the year 1806 there were two minute books, one belonging to the Anti-Grand Lodge party, and the other to the party who received the new warrant from the Grand Lodge of this State. The minutes of the Anti-Grand Lodge party for the year 1806, are nearly all torn from the book, and the minute book of the Grand Lodge party, with the new warrant commencing early in the year (*See By-Laws*) 1806, not one leaf has been allowed to remain, or one word of

the transactions of the Lodge been left until the 15th day of September, 1808, there the destruction of our records ceased! Although there are no minutes of the Lodge (known to your committee) before the year 1800! The By-Laws are continuous from 1773 to date! *See list of members.* The object, no doubt, was to destroy the history of the Lodge. Our books should be better cared for. They have been kept far too public, for years were open to all who came, who desired to handle them, although they were in the Hall used by the fraternity, they no doubt, received their mutilation by some person or persons familiar, as the destruction appears in important points only.

Also a typographical error on page 76, No. 298, read Solomon Southwick pass'd March 8th, 1796 *not* 1776.

And an explanation to extract from minute book May 5805 *on page* 49.

It appears on the Grand Lodge records that the two warrants, one for Union Lodge which was to be N° 3, and one for Mount Vernon Lodge, which was to be N° 4, were made in due form by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and ready to be delivered to the *two* parties, but upon the receipt of the communication from the Anti-Grand Lodge party, and the haughty manner in which they had conducted the affairs existing in Union Lodge from the

commencement of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of the State, the Grand officers *resolved*, to give the warrant to the members of Union Lodge N° 1 of Albany who had so long been striving to get their Lodge to work in good faith under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. They (the Grand officers) thereupon *erased* the N° 4 from the warrant to Mount Vernon Lodge which was to be a new Lodge, and placed upon it N° 3, and by so doing gave to those brethren of Union Lodge N° 1 of Albany, who had for years been striving to bring the Lodge into the position before the Grand Lodge according to the agreement made with the *Deputy Grand Master* in the year A. L. 5797. The Grand Lodge thereby recognizing those brethren who were members of Union Lodge N° 1 of Albany, and true to the Grand Lodge, as best entitled to the warrant from that Grand body, as the representatives of Union Lodge N° 1 of Albany.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN FONDA,
JAMES E. ALLANSON,
Committee on History, &c.